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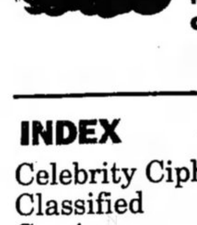

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Read Valley Business, a regular Wednesday feature of *The Valley Independent.*

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Szakal slay trial begins

The defense will try to prove that another man killed Howard and Nancy Springer.

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Gerald Szakal is "the scum of the earth," but he is not a cold blooded killer, defense attorney Noah Geary said.

Geary made that assertion during opening statements Monday as Szakal's capital trial began.

The Webster man is accused of killing former Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer and his wife, Nancy. If found guilty of murder, Szakal could face the death penalty.

This file photo portrays Gerald Szakal, who is standing trial in Washington County Court for the murders of Howard and Nancy Springer, of Carroll Township.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

"Do we concede Jerry is the scum of the earth? Yes. But do we concede he killed these people? No," Geary said.

But the commonwealth will prove Szakal shot and killed the Springers March 4, 2008, in their 1241 Highland Road, Carroll Township, home, Washington County Assistant District Attorney Craig McKay said.

Szakal was charged with two counts of criminal homicide and single counts of robbery, receiving stolen property and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

According to court records, Szakal stole jewelry and rare coins from his mother's Rostraver Township home, selling them to the Springers before returning to the couple's home to rob and kill them.

McKay set the scene, explaining how Szakal called the Springers,

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Budget proposal ripped by GOP

One Democrat griped that rank-and-file representatives have not received details.

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HARRISBURG – A state budget agreement between legislative leaders and the governor is far from a done deal in the House, where Republicans are vowing to fight it and some Democrats are wary of tax increase proposals.

For more on the budget, see Page 3A.

"I'm going to vote no," said House Minority Whip Mike Turzai, R-Bradford Woods. "The vast majority of my colleagues are going to vote no. We'll see if (Democrats) have the votes."

House Republicans weren't party to the agreement, and many view it as "business as usual," Turzai said.

The $27.9 billion agreement includes a 20 percent tax on the profits of small games of chance; lifts the sales tax exemption on theater, dance and musical performance admissions; and raises the tax on cigarettes by 25 cents per pack.

A House-Senate conference committee likely will approve the bill as early as Wednesday, and then both chambers must approve it. Pennsylvania is in the 84th day today without a budget.

Some western Pennsylvania Democrats are wary of taxing volunteer fire companies, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion halls on profits from punch boards, pull-tabs and raffles.

Rep. Joseph Petrarca, D-Vandergrift, said there are "many troubling issues" including small games of chance, and he believes details of the budget agreement will show that "western Pennsylvania is getting the short end of the stick." He said it's "ridiculous" that rank-and-file members haven't been given details.

"I worry about small arts organizations, small theater companies in particular. If they are having to charge tax on tickets for their theatergoers, that's a big strain on them," said Bill Bodine, director of The Frick Art & Historical Center and board chair of Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council.

"I'm hopeful that everyone comes through this intact, but any strain that's added on to arts organizations in a time when they're already suffering in an economic downturn can't be a good thing."

The small games of chance tax "is a Republican Trojan horse designed to regain the majority" in the House, said Rep. David Levdansky, D-Forward Township. Democrats control the chamber.

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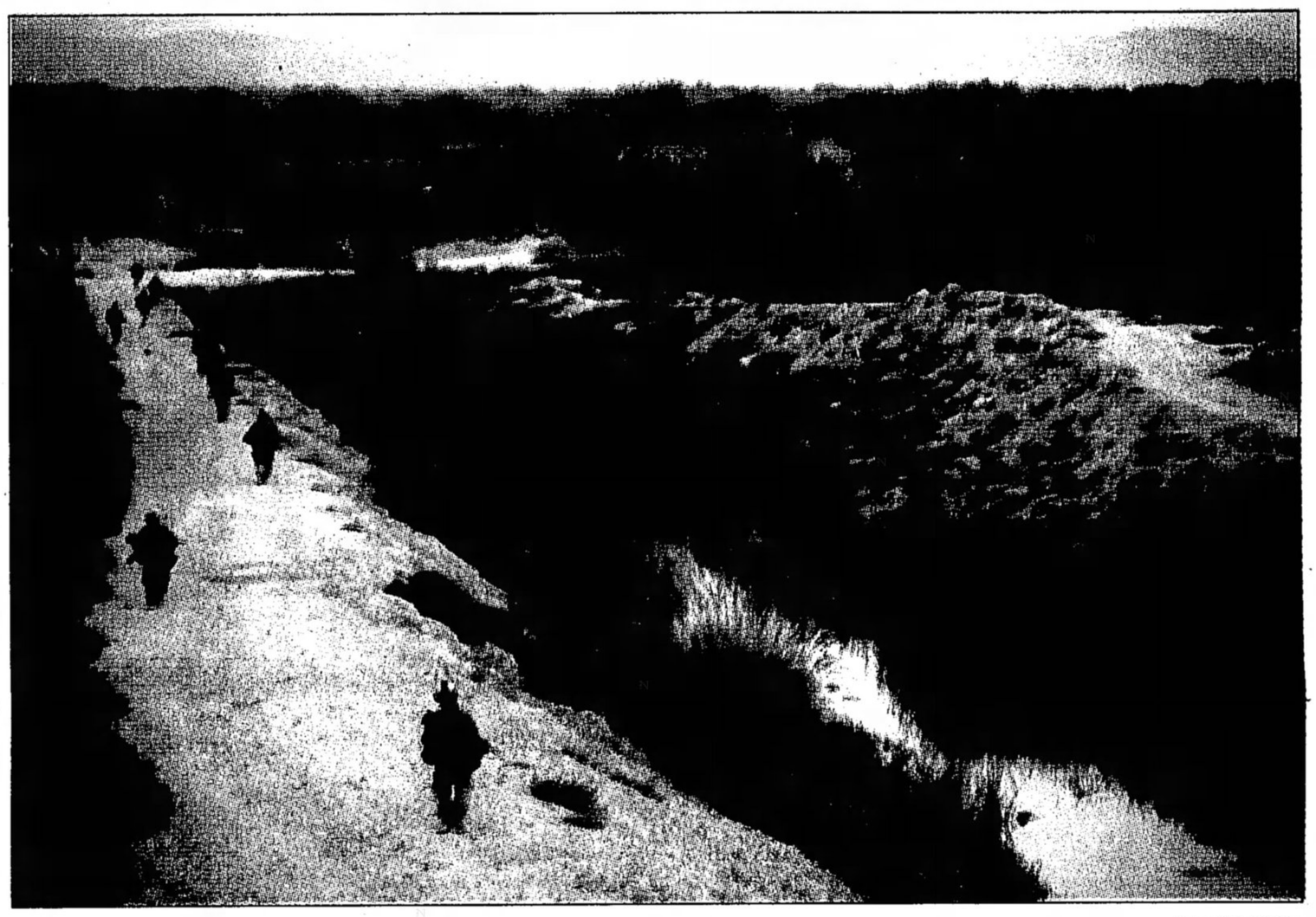

Associated Press

U.S. Marines from Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, patrol in the Helmand province of southern Afghanistan.

Obama might concentrate more heavily on terrorists

Such a move could shift the focus away from insurgents in Afghanistan.

By LARA JAKES and ANNE GEARAN
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Barack Obama may change course again as the war worsens in Afghanistan, steering away from the comprehensive counterinsurgency strategy he laid out this spring and toward a narrower focus on counterterror operations aimed at al-Qaida.

The White House is looking at expanding counterterror operations in Pakistan as an alternative to a major military escalation in Afghanistan.

Two senior administration officials said Monday that the renewed fight against al-Qaida could lead to more missile attacks on Pakistan terrorist havens by unmanned U.S. spy planes. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because no decisions have been made.

The armed drones could contain al-Qaida in a smaller, if more remote, area and keep its leaders from retreating back into Afghanistan, the officials said.

The prospect of a White House alternative to a deepening involvement in Afghanistan comes as administration officials debate whether to send more troops – as urged in a blunt assessment of the deteriorating conflict by the top U.S. commander there, Gen. Stanley McChrystal.

The president thus far has not endorsed the McChrystal approach, saying in television interviews over the weekend that he needs to be convinced that sending more troops would make Americans safer from al-Qaida.

Tellingly, Obama reiterated in those interviews that his core goal is to destroy al-Qaida, which is not present in significant numbers in Afghanistan. He did not focus on saving Afghanistan.

"I'm not interested in just being in Afghanistan for the sake of being in Afghanistan or saving face," Obama told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday.

Top aides to Obama said he still has questions and wants more time to decide.

The officials said the administration aims to push ahead with the ground mission in Afghanistan for the foreseeable future, still leaving the door open for sending more U.S. troops.

But Obama's top advisers, including Vice President Joe Biden, have indicated they are reluctant to send many more troops – if any at all – in the immediate future.

The proposed shift would bolster U.S. action on Obama's long-stated goal of dismantling terrorist havens, but it could also complicate American relations with Pakistan, long wary of the growing use of aerial drones to target militants along the porous border with Afghanistan.

Most U.S. military officials have preferred a classic counterinsurgency mission to keep al-Qaida out of Afghanistan by defeating the Taliban and securing the local population.

However, one senior White

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More in region have health coverage

That's largely because the Pittsburgh area has fared better in the recession.

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A year ago, Karla Doolittle was making $52,000 a year running the customer service department for a business-to-business telecommunications company.

Now, she's making less than half of that on unemployment as she searches for work -- with no health insurance.

"I thought things got easier the older you get," said Doolittle, 41, of Bridgeville, who contacted the Catholic Charities free health center, Downtown, about getting an abscessed tooth pulled. "I don't even have the extra $150 to have it pulled."

In the seven-county Pittsburgh metropolitan region last year, about 92 percent of people had some form of health insurance -- either public or private. That's a higher percentage than in Pennsylvania (91 percent) or the nation (85 percent), according to figures released today by the Census Bureau.

The metro region contains Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

The bureau asked people

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Budget (FROM PAGE ONE)

Fire companies and social clubs are reeling from the opening of casinos and the statewide smoking ban, Levdansky said.

They soon could face more competition if table games are legalized – another proposal in the budget, he said.

"So what are we going to do? We're going to tax small games of chance because we wouldn't tax the oil and gas industry," he said.

A proposal to tax the extraction of natural gas on the Marcellus Shale reserve failed to garner sufficient support.

But Rep. Anthony DeLuca, D-Penn Hills, said he intends to vote for the bill, because "we can't afford to let this budget impasse drag on."

"You blow it up, and next thing you know you're into early next year" without a budget, DeLuca said.

Asked whether House Democrats can pass the budget without GOP support, Majority Leader Todd Eachus of Luzerne County said Friday: "We're going to continue to work at it. I'm hopeful we can continue to make Republicans understand the value of this plan."

A selling point is that it's a conservative spending plan that proposes $300 million less than last year, Eachus said.

But Turzai said House Republicans want a budget that spends far less and doesn't raise taxes, like the amendment they proposed this summer that Democratic leaders wouldn't submit for a vote.

Obama (FROM PAGE ONE)

House official said it's not clear that the Taliban would welcome al-Qaida back into Afghanistan.

Pakistan will not allow the United States to deploy a large-scale military troop buildup on its soil. However, its military and intelligence services are believed to have assisted the U.S. with airstrikes, even while the government has publicly condemned them.

Wider use of missile strikes and less reliance on ground troops would mark Obama's second shift in strategy and tactics since taking office last January.

But stepping up attacks on the remnants of al-Qaida also would dovetail with Obama's presidential campaign promise of directly going after the terrorist network that spawned the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington.

Over the past few weeks, White House and Pentagon officials have debated the best way to defeat al-Qaida – and whether to send more troops to Afghanistan to battle the extremist Taliban elements that hosted Osama bin Laden and his operatives in the 1990s and have continued to aid the terrorist group. McChrystal has argued that without more troops the United States could lose the war.

"Resources will not win this war, but under-resourcing could lose it," McChrystal wrote in a five-page Commander's Summary that was unveiled late Sunday by The Washington Post. His 66-page report, which was also made public by the Post in a partly classified version after appeals from Pentagon officials, was sent to Defense Secretary Robert Gates on Aug. 30 and is now under review at the White House.

In an interview Monday with CNN, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said, "Where General McChrystal is asking for more resources, in all aspects, to boost the effort against terrorism, he has our support there."

But Karzai added that the U.S. and its allies also need to "concentrate on the sanctuaries for terrorists outside of Afghanistan."

White House officials have made clear that Pakistan, where the U.S. cannot send troops, should be the top concern because that is where top al-Qaida leaders, including bin Laden himself, are believed to be hiding. Very few al-Qaida extremists are believed to still be in Afghanistan, according to military and White House officials.

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Yesteryear

Members of the Donora Fire Company are pictured in the 1920s with their 1925 American LaFrance pumper, left, and their 1915 American LaFrance pumper, right.

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Health (FROM PAGE ONE)

whether they have insurance and whether it is public or private. Some people have both. People 65 or older, for example, often buy private insurance to fill gaps in their Medicare coverage.

About 78 percent of people in the metro area received part of their coverage through private insurance compared to 77 percent in the state and 70 percent in the nation.

About 29 percent of local people received part of their coverage from Medicare, Medicaid or other public insurance. The state percentage was 27 percent; nationally, it was 26 percent.

Judy Lave, a professor of health economics and chairwoman of health policy and management at the University of Pittsburgh, said the metro area has a concentration of employers in the education, medical and manufacturing fields that provide health insurance as a benefit.

Other parts of the country experienced larger job losses in 2008, she said.

"I would guess that (the higher health insurance percentage) has to do with the fact that the Pittsburgh economy has been somewhat more resilient," Lave said. "We still have a lot of solid employment in this region."

Moe Coleman, director emeritus of Pitt's Institute of Politics, said the region has a union culture in which employers are more likely to offer health benefits to compete for workers.

"Even though we've lost our basic union industries, steel and aluminum and all that, there's still a residual," he said.

Doolittle said she had excellent medical and dental coverage a year ago while working from home for her Philadelphia-based employer. If she still had it, she could afford to have the tooth fixed.

"If I had health insurance, I wouldn't be losing my tooth," she said.

She would have a doctor look at her arm, which occasionally locks up, but overall her medical problems have been minor.

"There are people out there that have it way worse," Doolittle said.

Diane Redington, administrator of the Catholic Charities' free health clinic, said about 5,000 people have enrolled for treatment there and about 100 more apply each month. The clinic serves about 600 patients a month, she said.

Many of the people applying for medical treatment have never had insurance because they've worked low-paying jobs without benefits. But some have lost their jobs and can't afford to pay the higher premiums under COBRA, a federal law that allows them to continue under their former employer's insurance plan for 18 months, Redington said.

"We're starting to see a bigger mix of that kind of patient," she said.

While the government partly subsidizes COBRA premiums, the unemployed pick up most of what their employer used to pay.

"It's really hard to pay for COBRA for a lot of people," Redington said. "Those that can, we really, really encourage them to keep it. ... Health insurance is your ticket into the (medical) system."

Ethan Nixon, 32, of Collier said he paid to maintain his insurance under COBRA for the two months he was laid off, mainly for his son, Theodore, 2, who has Down syndrome. Nixon, an assistant manager of a copy center, said he wasn't sure his employer would rehire him, but it did.

The uncertainty was what medical treatment his son might need in the interim. The state would pay for treatment, but "the state-run option is not very good compared to the insurance the company has," Nixon said.

The process for getting braces a therapist recommended for his son's ankles became so tangled in red tape that he is only now getting it straightened out.

"It was a pretty big hassle," Nixon said. "It's kind of mind-boggling."

Szakal (FROM PAGE ONE)

who were precious metals and coins dealers. Szakal arranged to go to their home, which also housed their business, to sell them coins, McKay said. He said Szakal planned to kill the couple because they knew he had stolen coins and jewelry from his mother's home.

McKay described the way prosecutors believe Szakal shot Howard Springer in the face, then beat and kicked Nancy Springer.

"Nancy was gasping for breath and gurgling in blood," McKay said.

He said Szakal went back and shot Howard Springer a second time to make sure he was dead and then shot Nancy Springer.

Szakal initially denied involvement in the murders, but eventually admitted to police he was the gunman, McKay said.

"He told state police he heard Mrs. Springer snoring so he went back to her, closed his eyes and shot her," McKay said.

McKay said the jury will hear Szakal's taped confession. He noted that three co-conspirators will testify for the commonwealth. McKay said the three are criminals who are not to be admired. But they are not the killers, he said.

Geary, however, said he will attempt to prove "there is something fundamentally wrong with the government's case."

Geary said Szakal will testify, admitting he was at the Springers' home when they were murdered. But, Geary claimed it was Tecko Dwayne Tartt, 21, formerly of Donora, who pulled the trigger, killing the retired police chief and his wife. Tartt is accused of providing the murder weapon.

Geary said the prosecution case contains contradictions. He said neighbor Michelle Kaczmarek will testify that she saw a second person in Szakal's truck the night of murders.

"I will prove there were two people in the truck," Geary said. "Jerry will testify he and Tartt were in his truck that night and that Tartt killed the Springers."

Geary said Szakal told state police the truth the first time he was interviewed – that Tartt was the killer. He only told them what they wanted to hear – that he pulled the trigger – after eight hours of interrogation.

"There will be questions that need to be answered," Geary said. "Was this investigation a search for the truth?"

Geary said there is no murder weapon, suggesting that Tartt knows where it is. He asked why Tartt remained in hiding for weeks after he was charged as a co-conspirator.

The other co-conspirators, Justin Welch and Gregory Monya Carpenter, both of 911 Crest Ave., Apt. 3, Charleroi, will testify that Tartt was not with them when the murders occurred, Geary said.

Geary set his theory about the night the Springers were murdered. Szakal and the Springers became friendly, even having dinner together, Geary said. He even delivered packages for Springer.

Szakal will testify he "stupidly" agreed to a scheme devised by the co-conspirators to rob the Springers, Geary said.

In opening testimony, the prosecution brought several family members and business acquaintances who attempted to pinpoint when the Springers were killed.

The most heart-wrenching testimony occurred when the couple's daughter, Jill Danish, softly cried and wiped tears from her eyes as she described the gruesome scene she saw when she discovered her parents' bodies. Her sobbing 911 telephone call was played in the courtroom.

The eeriest testimony occurred when daughter-in-law Christine Springer said she met a very stoic Szakal at the Springer home three months before the murders.

The most gruesome moment occurred when state police erected a large screen in the courtroom to show autopsy photographs of the couple.

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Valley briefs

Hoeffel planning gubernatorial run

A former congressman from suburban Philadelphia has announced he's running for Pennsylvania governor next year.

Democrat Joe Hoeffel is currently a Montgomery County commissioner. He unsuccessfully challenged then-Republican Sen. Arlen Specter in 2004.

Hoeffel announced his candidacy on his Facebook page.

"I am in the race, and I am ready to ride!" he wrote.

He says he wants to make sure government keeps investing in health care, education and jobs.

The race for governor is a crowded one.

The Democratic field also includes Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato, Auditor General Jack Wagner, Philadelphia businessman Tom Knox, and Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty.

The Republican field includes Attorney General Tom Corbett and U.S. Rep. Jim Gerlach.

Developer eyes Pittsburgh building

A development company plans to spend between $50 million and $67 million to convert the State Office Building in Pittsburgh into a mix of offices, condominiums or rental units, and restaurants.

Millcraft Industries, of Washington, Pa., is buying the building for $4.6 million, although state Auditor General Jack Wagner is trying to block the deal.

Millcraft's executive vice president Lucas Piatt says the company hopes to finish the renovation by 2012. The sale is scheduled to close in February 2010.

Piatt says the company plans to announce more detailed plans in a few months.

The state Department of General Services says the state will save $14 million by moving state workers to leased offices.

But Wagner says Millcraft is paying only half what the building is worth.

Bill Gates to open new CMU complex

Microsoft Corp. chairman Bill Gates will be in Pittsburgh today to christen a new computer science school at Carnegie Mellon University.

Gates was scheduled to be the keynote speaker at ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the Gates Center for Computer Science.

Also opening today will be the Hillman Center for Future Generation Technologies.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donated $20 million toward the new computer center, and the Henry L. Hillman Foundation donated $10 million toward the technologies center.

The buildings include lab and classroom space for the university's computer science school.

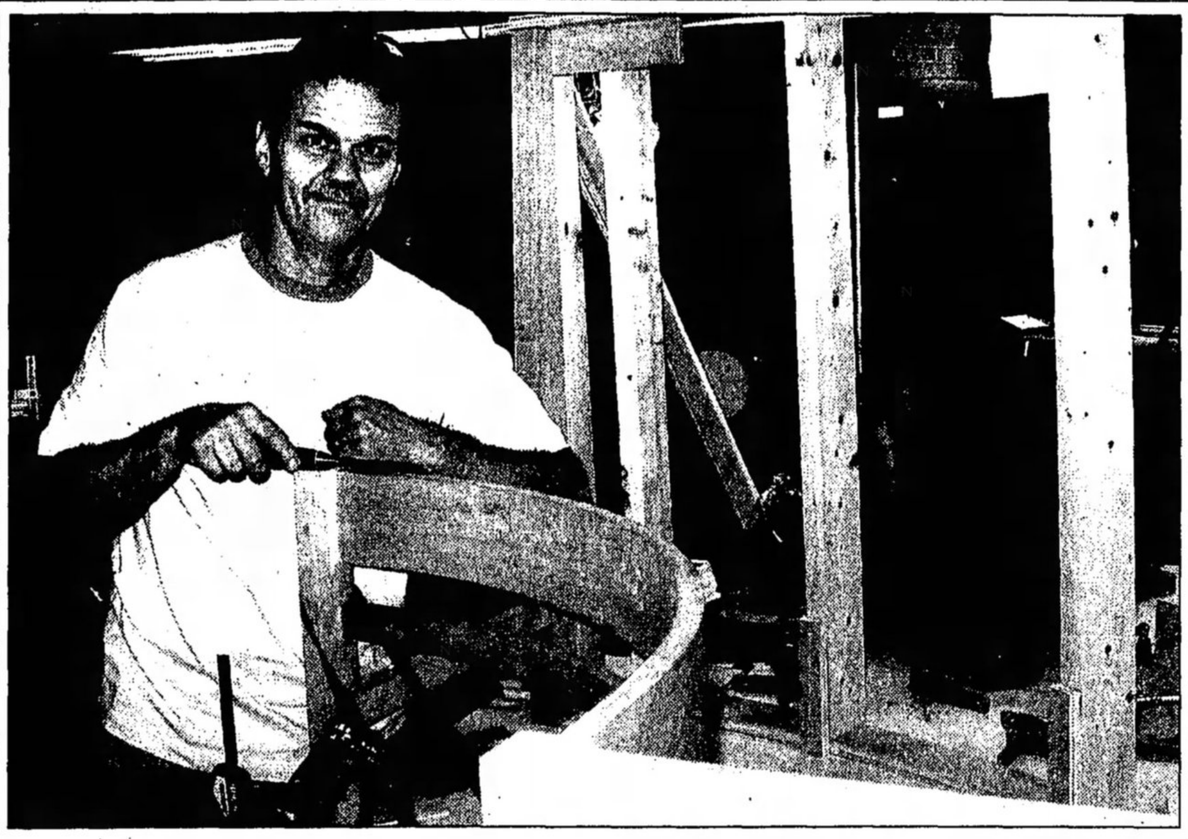
Police probing Bentleyville crash

State police are investigating a two-vehicle accident that took place in Bentleyville Monday night.

Police said a pickup truck struck a telephone pole head-on after colliding with a car turning from Johnston Road onto Route 917.

The driver of the pickup truck reportedly was ejected.

The driver was flown to a Pittsburgh hospital, but no information about his or her condition was available.



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Monongahela artist Patrick Herforth works on a custom curved bench at his Belle Vernon woodworking factory – PCH Furniture & Design.

Monongahela artist feels 'blessed' to earn living pursuing his passion

Valley profiles
A weekly look at one of our neighbors

By STACY WOLFORD
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Patrick Herforth's passion for living and exploring his creative side now shines in the custom furniture he designs and builds.

The Monongahela artist is owner of PCH Furniture & Design, which specializes in wood, art glass and mixed media.

His furniture designs feature unique elements such as stained glass windows and other intricate details that make them one-of-a-kind pieces.

A Mackintosh kitchen he designed and built custom pieces for in Morgantown, W.Va., was featured in the magazine *Arts & Crafts Homes and the Revival.*

Herforth, 56, says he started honing his artistic abilities as a young boy growing up in Pittsburgh and watching his great-grandfather making wood projects. His father and grandfather were also artistic.

"I've always had infinity for drawing and painting," he said. "It's something I guess that was passed down through the generations."

His mother, Patricia, who died in 2002, and his father, Otto, who died when he was just 14, also encouraged him to pursue his dreams of becoming an artist.

After high school, he aspired to become a professional artist and studied commercial art at LaRoche College. He spent a year there before transferring to Edinboro University, receiving a bachelor of fine arts degree in art in 1975.

Like many free-spirited artists, Herforth decided to travel after college, and spent time in Alaska with a friend.

When he came back from Alaska, he met his future wife Peggy (Bethen) at a friend's cookout.

"We realized we had so much in common," he said.

The new couple decided to embark on an adventure together and moved to Oregon with Peggy's daughter, Ivy, to live in a tee-pee for about six months in 1977.

"It was kind of like the '60s relived for me," he said.

Herforth worked for a friend who was a logger.

He said living in the outdoors was a "humbling" experience.

But when the cold winter months approached and Peggy's mother came to visit, they realized they needed to return to modern life for her young daughter's sake.

After moving to the Mid-Mon Valley, the couple married, and Herforth said he realized he had to get a 9-to-5 job.

He took a job at Quality Mill Work in Finleyville, where he realized he had a knack for woodworking.

His wife works at the Mon Valley YMCA, where she is a fitness director.

The couple eventually got back to their love for living among natural surroundings by buying a rustic slice of property high atop a mountain in Central City, Somerset County. They had a son, Alden, who was named after the type of wood that was used to make poles for the tee-pee they once called home.

"Our house sat on the third highest point in Pennsylvania," he said.

The family lived there from 1980 to 1995, by which time both their children had graduated from high school.

While in Somerset County, Herforth worked for Somerset Door & Column and began his own business, Media Concepts.

After they moved to Monongahela in 1995, he worked in various shops before opening PCH Furniture & Design at his wife's father's machine shop in Belle Vernon in 2006.

Herforth mainly works for residential customers looking for unique furniture to spice up their homes. He prefers working for customers who want his artistic flair and ideas to show in their furniture.

"I try to steer away from the mundane (projects)," he said.

He admits that a lot of his business comes from word-of-mouth. He has done many pieces for his brother, Steve Herforth, who owns a home on Mt. Washington that has garnered praise and publicity.

He was also commissioned for a custom job in Phoenix, Az., by former Mon Valley resident Jerry Harris and his wife, Lynn, who return to this area every summer and fell in love with Herforth's work.

They sent him to their Phoenix home to design and build a new kitchen. The kitchen cabinets feature stained glass built into the woodwork.

Herforth is hoping to have some of his pieces, including Mackintosh wooden vases and lamps that feature collapsible wooden shades, sold in retail shops.

When he is not woodworking, Herforth says he still loves to paint.

As for his next project, he says he "definitely" has to build custom-made bedroom furniture for his grandchildren, Kael, 4, and Willow, 2.

Herforth says he's "very blessed and fortunate" to be able to make a living pursuing his passion for art.

"I plan on doing this until I can't hold a chisel anymore," he said.

(For more information about PCH Furniture & Design, go to www.pch-furniture.com or call (724) 929-9834.)

Details lacking on state budget

Most rank-and-file legislators haven't yet been briefed about specifics of the $28 million deal.

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG — The wheels of budget-making ground slowly Monday, as legislative staff aides worked to write more than a dozen bills that reflect a three-day-old budget compromise and settle numerous disagreements over the details.

Final votes are not anticipated this week, and most rank-and-file legislators have not yet been briefed on the nearly $28 billion agreement that was announced Friday night and is now more than 80 days late.

"It's really been limited access to information and I think that's probably the case with most of the rank and file," said Rep. Nick Kotik, the Allegheny County Democrat who helped organize the conservative "Blue Dog" Democrats in the House. "I don't know what their timeframe is, so it's really up in the air."

The agreement, which still requires legislative approval, would help fill last year's multibillion-dollar revenue shortfall by raising money from legalizing table games at the state's slot-machine casinos and leasing more state forest land for natural gas exploration. Overall spending would be cut by about 1 percent, while the state income tax and sales tax rates would remain the same.

The deal would apply the state sales tax to tickets for performing arts events, concerts, cultural sites, zoos and parks, and impose a 20 percent tax on the small games of chance fundraisers operated by nonprofit organizations, such as volunteer fire departments and veterans' groups, that also hold liquor licenses.

Some details remain under wraps.

For instance, officials have not released a program-by-program look at how all the money would be spent, and Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware, said budget-makers are still discussing how to spend approximately $100 million.

A spokesman for House Democratic Leader Todd Eachus, D-Luzerne, said a sticking point is the Senate's insistence on including money for grants — known colloquially as "WAMs," for walking-around money — that legislators can direct to favored causes.

In the last six months of 2008 alone, legislators requested more than $110 million in grants from at least a half-dozen executive branch agencies.

But including money for the grants cannot be justified in a year in which money is scarce for crucial social services, such as child welfare and children's health insurance, spokesman Brett Marcy said.

A spokeswoman for Senate Minority Leader Robert J. Mellow, D-Lackawanna, responded that no significant issues are holding up the budget's passage, while a Pileggi spokesman said nothing is under consideration that could be fairly characterized as a WAM.

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THE QUIZ

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NEWSFACE:
A Democrat, I have been a U.S. senator from Montana since 1978. I am the chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee. Last week I unveiled my committee's long-awaited version of a health care reform bill designed to be bipartisan. But my bill was widely criticized by all sides. Some said the bill was too costly, and others were upset because the bill lacked a "public option," and would require all Americans to buy health insurance or face a penalty. Who am I?

1. President Obama announced last week that he will suspend a Bush administration plan for a missile shield system in the Czech Republic and (CHOOSE ONE: Germany, Poland).

2. For the second year in a row, "..?.." won Best Drama at the Emmy Awards.
__Damages __Mad Men __Lost __Grey's Anatomy

3. The International Committee of the Red Cross warned that Palestinians in Gaza are about to lose their access to (CHOOSE ONE: fresh water, oil).

4. The U.S. Congress voted to block funds to ..?.., a group that helps poor people with voting, taxes, and home foreclosures, after a scandal involving a small group of their workers.
__ACORN __the ACLU __AARP __AAA

5. A last-minute field goal by the ..?.. spoiled a big night for the Dallas Cowboys, who were playing the first game in their new stadium.

NEWSPLACE:
This U.S. city, once known for its steel mills, has spent decades trying to remake its blue-collar image, and now is a haven for "green" business. Still, many were surprised that this city is hosting this year's summit of the G-20, the group of 20 developing nations formed in 2003. Now this city is beefing up security with thousands of extra police as protesters from all over the world descend on it later this week as the summit begins. Name this city.

6. Hollywood mourned the death of actor Patrick Swayze, 57, who had been battling (CHOOSE ONE: lung, pancreatic) cancer.

7. In what may be a sign of thawing relations between the United States and Cuba, officials from both countries are discussing resuming (CHOOSE ONE: direct mail, tourism) between the two.

8. Teen tennis sensation (CHOOSE ONE: Melanie Oudin, Maria Sharapova) threw the ceremonial first ball at an Atlanta Braves game on Saturday.

9. General Stanley McChrystal, the U.S. commander in ..?.., said the United States must supply more troops to the conflict there.

10. David Paterson, governor of ..?.., says he will run for re-election in 2010, despite pressure from the White House to withdraw.
__Wisconsin __Illinois __New York __California

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

BETHEM — Darwin "Shag" Bethem, 77, of Twilight Borough, on Monday, Sept. 21. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

CHILZER — Violet J. (Pagonis) Chilzer, 88, of Monongahela, on Thursday, Sept. 17. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

FRYE — Joanne Sandra Frye J., 56, of Fallowfield Township, on Sunday, Sept. 20. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

FRYE — Stephen M. Frye, 58, of Fallowfield Township, on Thursday, Sept. 17. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

GIRIMONTE — Kenneth D. Girimonte Sr., 48, of Charleroi, on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Denise Bailey, North Charleroi.*

PIETROBONI — Katherine T. Pietroboni, of Fairless Hills, formerly of Donora, on Sunday, Sept. 20. James J Dougherty Funeral Home, Levittown.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:

AGAMEDI, Alfred*

*** See death notice**

Alfred Agamedi
North Charleroi

Alfred Agamedi, 84, of North Charleroi, died Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, in the emergency room of Mon Valley Hospital. He was born July 31, 1925, in North Charleroi, son of the late Aganore and Soccorsa Arrigoni Agamedi. He attended the Gospel Alliance Church of Charleroi, and was a member of the Lock Four Fire Co. since 1945, serving as chief for 21 years and treasurer for 51 years. He was also a former borough council member for 14 years and for the past eight years was mayor of North Charleroi. He was a member of the Pa. Association of Mayors and the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pa. Aggie retired as a dispatcher for Guttman Oil Co., and formerly owned the Mon Valley Esso Station in Charleroi. Surviving are his wife, Judith Smith Cardinale Agamedi; one son, Joseph Cardinale of Charleroi; three daughters: Rachel Cardinale of Charleroi, Claudia Cardinale of Tucson, Az., and Ann-Marie (Darrell) Moody of Hixson, Tenn. Also surviving are four grandchildren: Jared, Taylor and Dalyn Moody of Hixson, Tenn., and Carissa Vaughn of Thompson Station, Tenn.; one sister, Delma Latour of California, Pa., and her son Frank Latour of Roscoe; many nieces and nephews, and a dear family friend, Mary Youger. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife Dorothy Shuett Agamedi in 1985; and two brothers, Lawrence and Robert Agamedi. Friends will be received in the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Services will be held in the funeral home Wednesday at 11 a.m., with Dr. Allen B. Lee officiating. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery. The family suggests contributions to the Lock Four Fire Co. The Lock Four Fire Co. will conduct a service in the funeral home Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Kenneth D. Girimonte Sr.
Charleroi

Kenneth D. Girimonte Sr., 48, of Charleroi, died suddenly Sept. 8, 2009, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Martha Lou; three children Michelle Girimonte, 28, David Girimonte, 24, and Kenneth Girimonte Jr., 20; three sisters, Peggy Girimonte, of Levittown, Deborah Ellis, and Danielle Girimonte, of Florida; two grandchildren, Charles Roberts and Riley Williams; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at 422 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, for family and friends.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Darwin "Shag" Bethem
Twilight Borough

Darwin "Shag" Bethem, 77, of Twilight Borough, died Monday, Sept. 21, 2009. He was born Nov. 4, 1931, in Charleroi, a son of the late Jules and Catherine Tatar Bethem. Mr. Bethem was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, of Charleroi, the church choir, church council, a former Twilight Borough Council member and former chief of the Belle Vernon Fire Department. Mr. Bethem was a co-owner of the Bethem Machine Shop Inc. in Belle Vernon. He is survived by his wife, Lois Zimmerman Bethem; two sons, Keith G. Bethem, of Twilight, and Kevin J. Bethem and his wife, Brenda, of Belle Vernon; three daughters, Kathleen Cole, of Charleroi, Kris Hervet and her husband, Anthony, of Bethel Park, and Karen Kostelac, of North Charleroi; one brother, Gordon E. Bethem and his wife, Connie, of Belle Vernon; one sister, Norma Herst and her husband, David, of Georgia; two sisters-in-law, Mildred Bethem and Janice Zimmerman, both of Belle Vernon; four grandchildren, Danielle Bryan and her husband, SSgt. Joseph Bryan, Jessica Leska, Jennifer Kostelac and Leslie Cole; three great-grandchildren, Dylan Gaskill and Mikhayla and Shelby Bryan. In addition to his parents, Mr. Bethem was preceded in death by three brothers, Leonard, Curtis and Ronald Bethem and one sister, Elaine Vinkney. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES INC., 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home, with Pastor Kenneth Thompson officiating. Condolences are being accepted for the family at www.schrock-hogan.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joanne Sandra Frye
Fallowfield Township

Joanne Sandra Frye, 56, of Fallowfield Township., died Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009, in the Monongahela Valley Hospital. She was born April 5, 1953, in Guam, Mariana's Islands (on the U.S. Naval Base), a daughter of Marion Turner Frye, who survives and resides in Fallowfield Township, and the late Marvin Frye, who died April 27, 2001. Joanne graduated from Charleroi High School, class of 1971. She attended Boca Raton College in Florida, where she received her certification as a respiratory technician. She continued her education through San Diego University to become a licensed respiratory care practitioner. She was currently employed for more than 30 years at the Monongahela Valley Hospital as a respiratory therapist. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, the American Legion Auxiliary Post 22 and the Legion Club, all of Charleroi, and the Clan Anderson Society (through her Scottish heritage). Joanne enjoyed spending her time helping her friends, her dog Laddie, her cats, Piper, CiCi, JoJo, Angel and Wiskers, and horses, Black Jack and Chief Blue: She was a true animal enthusiast who loved finding homes for stray and unwanted animals through Pet Search in Washington. Joanne would do anything for you and was always there to lend a helping hand. Special thanks to all her friends and neighbors, especially Cheryl McGavitt. In addition to her loving mother, she is survived by her sister, Judy Frye Nolde and husband Donald, of Keedysville, Md.; two nieces whom she loved with all her heart, Devin Lee and Cailin Victoria Nolde of Keedysville, Md.; and devoted friend, Nancy Egri, of Elizabeth. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her brother, Stephen M. Frye, who died unexpectedly on Sept. 17, 2009. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 W. Main St., Monongahela, where services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, with the Rev. Michael Milinovich officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fallen Timber Humane Society, 1680 Fallen Timber Road, Elizabeth, PA, 15037. To leave an online condolence, visit www.fryefuneralhome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Stephen M. Frye
Fallowfield Township

Stephen M. Frye, 58, of Fallowfield Township., died unexpectedly Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, in the Monongahela Valley Hospital. He was born Jan. 29, 1951, in Vallejo, Calif., (on the US Naval Base), a son of Marion Turner Frye, who survives and resides in Fallowfield Township, and the late Marvin Frye, who died April 27, 2001. Steve graduated from Charleroi High School, class of 1969. He went on to attend Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, Calif. and then returned to Pennsylvania to graduate from Point Park College with a bachelor's degree in science. Steve also graduated from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, where he earned a bachelor's of art degree. Immediately after graduation, Steve worked as a professor at the Art Institute until his retirement. After he retired, Steve lived a simple life, and loved to volunteer his time. He was active in volunteering as a EMT, constable for voter registration, tour guide at Bushy Run Park, 911 communications, Fallowfield Township Volunteer Fire Dept., and the Adoption of the Position Program, Gettysburg National Military Park. Steve at one time was treasurer and president of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans in the Pittsburgh area and a member of the United Methodist Church in Charleroi. Steve's real love was motorcycles, his dogs: Jack and Joie, and going to Gettysburg with his best friend, Bill Baciak. Steve was a loving son, a caring brother and a friend to all. Thanks to the Sunoco crew, his biker buddies for the good times, his great neighbors and especially Dick Russell and Lotte. In addition to his loving mother, he is survived by two sisters, Joanne Frye, of Fallowfield Township, who joined him in death three days later, and Judy Frye Nolde and husband Donald, of Keedysville, Md.; two nieces, Devin Lee and Cailin Victoria Nolde, of Keedysville, Md. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 W. Main St., Monongahela, where services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, with the Rev. Michael Milinovich officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to: The Adoption of the Position Program, Gettysburg National Military Park, 405 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, PA, 17325. To leave an online condolence, visit www.fryefuneral-home.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Katherine T. Pietroboni
Fairless Hills
Formerly of Donora

Katherine T. Pietroboni, 89, of Fairless Hills, died on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009, at Saint Mary Medical Center, after a long illness. Born in Donora, Katherine graduated from Saint Francis Academy, Pittsburgh, with her degree in nursing. During World War II, she was a registered nurse at the Philadelphia Naval Yard. She also worked in the Pennsylvania Hospital for several years. A member of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish, Katherine had been active in the former Woman's Guild. She was also a former member of the CYO at Saint Frances Cabrini and helped with obtaining uniforms for both the girl's basketball and softball teams. Katherine worked in the "bingo" kitchen and was known for her homemade meatballs. Katherine was a dialysis patient at DaVita Dialysis Center in Langhorne for over five years. She enjoyed singing and she and her husband would always call the family members on their birthdays to sing Happy Birthday to them. Katherine is the daughter of the late Salvatore and Frances (DeRoss) DeCristoforo and is the loving mother of the late Edward Jerome Pietroboni. She is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years, Edward N., of Fairless Hills; her children, Charlotte A. Patton and her husband, Stephen H., of Fairless Hills; and Patricia L. Moore and her husband, Robert, of Levittown; grandchildren, Rebecca Murray (James), of Gordonsville, Va., Stephen Patton (Hillary), of Langhorne, Keith Patton (Karyn), of Langhorne, Robert Moore (Jennifer), of Yardley, Crystal, of Lawrenceville, N.J., and Derek Moore, of Sedona, Calif. She will also be sadly missed by her great-grandchildren, Stephen William, Kendall Mae, James Edward, Jordan Michelle and Brianna Lynn; her sister-in-law, Mary Helen DeCristoforo, of Florida and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Samuel DeCristoforo. Family and friends are invited to call from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and from 8 to 9 a.m. Saturday at the JAMES J. DOUGHERTY FUNERAL HOME INC., 2200 Trenton Road, Levittown. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Saint Frances Cabrini Church, 325 South Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills. Rite of Committal will follow in Resurrection Cemetery. The family has requested that memorial contributions in Katherine's name be made to Saint Frances Cabrini Church at the above address or to Newtown Ambulance Service, 2651 S. Eagle Road, Newtown, PA, 18940.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Violet J. (Pagonis) Chilzer
Monongahela

Private funeral services were held for Violet J. (Pagonis) Chilzer, 88, of Monongahela, who went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, in the Washington Hospital. Born Jan. 23, 1921, in Monongahela, she was the daughter of the late James and Josephine Pagonis. She worked in the family-owned Liberty Restaurant, which became the White Star until its closing in 1966. She then opened and operated the Diamond Lunch Restaurant for several years. She attended the Christian Center Church in Belle Vernon and enjoyed setting up at the flea mart, and spending time at the Monongahela Senior Citizens Center. A devoted wife and mother, she is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Barbara Chilzer of Belle Vernon; a sister, Angeline Metcalfe of Monongahela; three grandchildren: Michael Chilzer of Monongahela, Charity and husband Joe Shrader of Rostraver Township, and Daniel Komperda of New Stanton; four great-grandchildren: Jay and Shanah Chilzer and Max and Megan Shrader. Preceding her in death were her husband, Edward L. Chilzer Sr., who died in 1997; a daughter, Carol Komperda, who died in 1994; a granddaughter, Cory K. Komperda, who died in 2002; and a brother, Louis Pagonis, who died in 1976. Interment was held in Monongahela Cemetery. The MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela (724-258-6767) was in charge of the arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

POLICE LOG

Fallowfield Township

■ Samuel David Martini, 34, of 22 Lancaster St., Fallowfield Township, was charged with aggravated assault, terroristic threats, simple assault, public drunkenness and harassment after an incident 4:40 p.m. Friday in the Gibson Plan. Police said Martini allegedly struck a female in the head with a chair. He was taken to Washington County Correctional Facility.

■ Anthony David Gillingham, 21, of Belle Vernon, was charged with attempted robbery, aggravated assault, recklessly endangering another person and disorderly conduct after an incident Aug. 28 in the 900 block of Fourth Street Extension. Police said Gillingham held a knife to the throat of someone inside of a vehicle and demanded money. Gillingham fled the scene before police arrived. Anyone with information can call police at (724) 483-4545.

Monessen

■ Diana Dzatko, 50, of 124 Knox Ave., Monessen, was charged with public drunkenness and disorderly conduct 12:37 a.m. Sunday as a result of an incident that took place at her home, police said.

■ John Farmer, 46, of Charleroi, was charged with theft by unlawful taking 6:40 p.m. Monday as a result of an incident that took place at 1000 McMahon Ave., police said.

■ George Washington Jr., 61, of 627 Marguerite Ave., Monessen, was charged with simple assault 6:11 p.m. Monday as a result of an incident that took place at his home, according to police.

State police, Uniontown

■ Jennifer Show, 25, of Perryopolis, and Dona Jo Show, 49, of Markleysburg, were each cited for harassment 12:10 p.m. Sept. 5 after they were in a physical altercation on Bruceton Road in Henry Clay Township, police said.

■ Cecil Tartt Jr., 67, of Donora, was cited for DUI 2:30 a.m. Aug. 29 at Coolspring Street and Beerier Avenue in Uniontown after he was stopped for a traffic violation, police said.

North Belle Vernon

■ Police are investigating a burglary that reportedly took place Saturday at Naylor's Tire Shop, 430 Broad Ave.

Chief James Bedsworth said sometime after 2:30 p.m. someone entered the front door of the business and stole $80 from a cash register in the rear office.

Bedsworth said there were no signs of forced entry and police suspect the perpetrator had keys to the front door and cash register.

Anyone with information can call police at (724) 929-7011.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Charles Christner, West Newton

The following cases were heard Monday at Magisterial District Judge Charles Christner's office in West Newton:

■ Tara Lea Ames, 36, of 431 Liberty Ave., Apt. 1, North Charleroi, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Ames was charged with retail theft after an incident July 15 at Gabriel's in Rostraver Township.

■ Dana Sherman Hixson, 45, of 168 Main St., Jacobs Creek, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Hixson was charged with DUI – general impairment, DUI – highest rate of alcohol and traffic violations after an incident July 18 at 422 Home Sales, Route 51, Rostraver Township.

■ Charles Andrew Vogel, 24, of 512 Salem Church Road, Belle Vernon, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Vogel was charged with theft of property lost, mislaid or delivered by mistake after an incident July 5 at CoGos, Route 51, Rostraver Township.

■ Rykk E. Schwing, 23, of 161 Rich Hill Road, Connellsville, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Schwing was charged with fleeing or attempting to elude police, drivers required to be licensed, driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and traffic violations after an incident May 9 on the 100 block of Robertson Street and Route 136 in Turkeytown.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 22

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 22, the 265th day of 2009. There are 100 days left in the year. Autumn arrives at 5:18 p.m. Eastern time.

Today's Highlight

On Sept. 22, 1776, during the Revolutionary War, Capt. Nathan Hale, 21, was hanged as a spy by the British in New York.

On this date:

■ In 1656, in colonial Maryland, an all-female jury heard the case of Judith Catchpole, an indentured servant who was accused of killing her newborn baby during a voyage from England. (The jury, which believed Catchpole's assertion that she hadn't even been pregnant, acquitted her.)

■ In 1761, Britain's King George III and his wife, Charlotte, were crowned in Westminster Abbey.

■ In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of Jan. 1, 1863.

■ In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavyweight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago.

■ In 1938, the musical comedy revue "Hellzapoppin'," starring Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson, began a three-year run on Broadway.

■ In 1964, the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances.

■ In 1975, Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President Gerald R. Ford outside a San Francisco hotel, but missed. (Moore served 32 years in prison before being paroled on Dec. 31, 2007.)

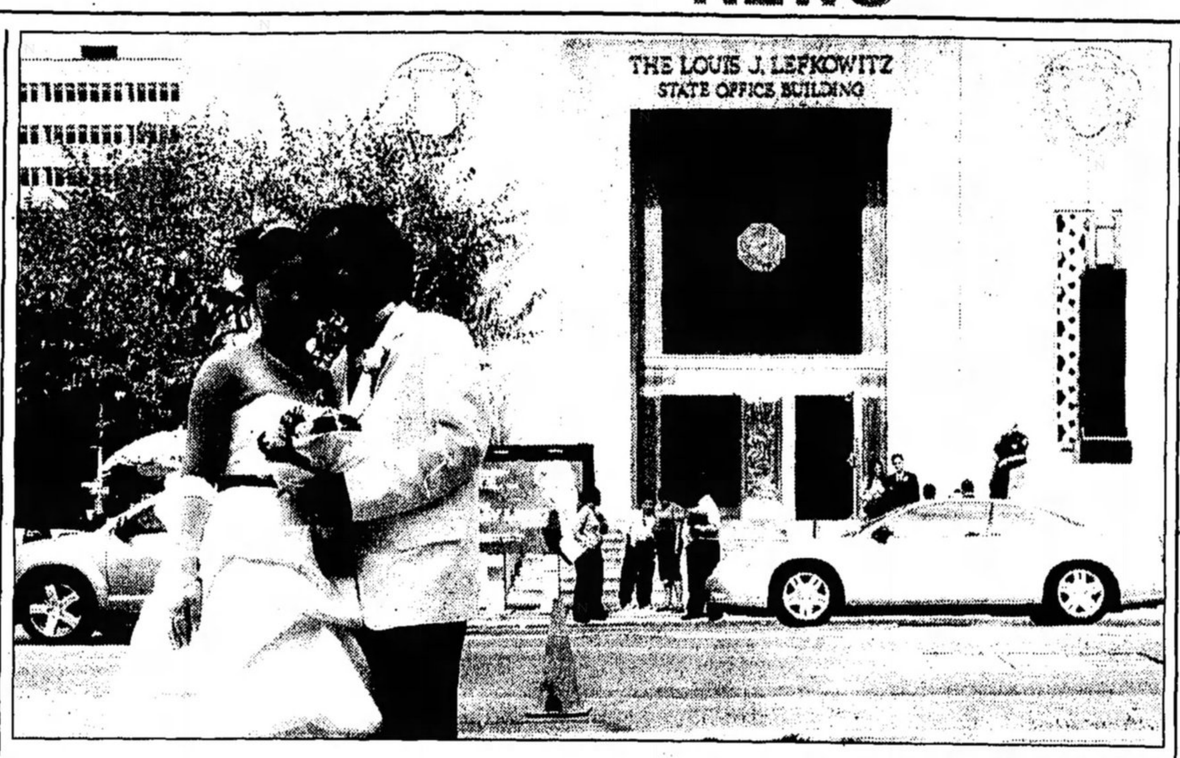
■ In 1980, the Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into full-scale war that lasted nearly eight years.

■ In 1989, songwriter Irving Berlin died in New York City at age 101.

■ **Ten years ago**: The Justice Department sued the tobacco industry, accusing companies of conspiring since the 1950s to defraud and mislead the public. (In 2006, U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler ruled the nation's top cigarette makers did conspire to mislead the public about the health hazards and addictive nature of smoking, but rejected making tobacco companies pay billions of dollars; the case continues to be litigated.)

■ **Five years ago**: British hostage Kenneth Bigley, 62, appeared on a video posted on an Islamic Web site weeping and pleading for his life. (Bigley was later beheaded by his captors.) CBS-owned stations were fined $550,000 by the FCC for Janet Jackson's exposed right breast during the Super Bowl halftime show. (The case is still under legal review.)

■ **One year ago**: Jury selection began in Washington for the federal corruption trial of Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska. (Jurors later found that Stevens had lied on Senate financial disclosure forms to conceal hundreds of thousands of dollars in gifts and home renovations from a wealthy oil contractor, but the Justice Department later moved to dismiss the indictment because prosecutors had mishandled the case; Stevens lost his re-election bid.) Marjorie Knoller, whose dogs viciously attacked and killed her neighbor, Dianne Whipple, in their San Francisco apartment building in 2001, was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison after her second-degree murder conviction was reinstated.



Associated Press

In this Sept. 9, 2009, file photo Kian Lee, right, and his bride Maya Ong, both from Queens, pose for a photo after their wedding ceremony at the Manhattan Marriage Bureau in New York. A broad array of U.S. census data indicates that the recession is profoundly disrupting American life. Unlike this couple, many people are delaying marriage.

Census: Recession had huge impact on U.S. life

Unemployment is still on the rise in the nation.

By HOPE YEN
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON — The recession is profoundly disrupting American life: More people are delaying marriage and home-buying, turning to carpools yet getting stuck in ever-worse traffic, staying put rather than moving to new cities.

A broad array of U.S. census data, for release today, also shows a dip in the foreign-born population last year, to under 38 million after it reached an all-time high in 2007. This was due to declines in low-skilled workers from Mexico searching for jobs in Arizona, Florida and California.

Health coverage swung widely by region, based partly on levels of unemployment. Massachusetts, with its universal coverage law, had fewer than one in 20 uninsured residents — the lowest in the nation. Texas had the highest share, at one in four, largely because of illegal Hispanic immigrants excluded from government-sponsored and employer-provided plans.

Demographers said the latest figures were striking confirmation of the social impact of the economic decline as it hit home in 2008. Findings come from the annual American Community Survey, a sweeping look at life built on information from 3 million households.

Preliminary data earlier this year found that many Americans were not moving, staying put in big cities rather than migrating to the Sunbelt because of frozen lines of credit. Mobility is at a 60-year low, upending population trends ahead of the 2010 census that will be used to apportion House seats.

"The recession has affected everybody in one way or another as families use lots of different strategies to cope with a new economic reality," said Mark Mather, associate vice president of the nonprofit Population Reference Bureau. "Job loss — or the potential for job loss — also leads to feelings of economic insecurity and can create social tension."

"It's just the tip of the iceberg," he said, noting that unemployment is still rising.

The percentage of people who drove alone to work dropped last year to 75.5 percent, the lowest in a decade, as commuters grew weary of paying close to $4 a gallon for gasoline and opted to carpool or take public transportation.

Twenty-two states had declines in solo drivers compared with the year before, with the rest statistically unchanged. The decreases were particularly evident in states with higher traffic congestion, such as Maryland, Texas and Washington.

Average commute times edged up to 25.5 minutes, erasing years of decreases to stand at the level of 2000, as people had to leave home earlier in the morning to pick up friends for their ride to work or to catch a bus or subway train.

Palmdale, Calif., a suburb in the high desert north of Los Angeles, posted the longest commute at 41.5 minutes. It barely edged out New York City, with its congestion and sprawling subway system, at 39.4 minutes. Shortest commute time: Bloomington, Ill., at 14.1 minutes.

Nationwide, more than one in eight workers, or 17.5 million, were out the door by 6 a.m.

Marital bliss also suffered. Nearly one in three Americans 15 and over, or 31.2 percent, reported they had never been married, the highest level in a decade. The share had previously hovered for years around 27 percent, before beginning to climb during the housing downturn in 2006.

The never-married included three-quarters of men in their 20s and two-thirds of women in that age range. Sociologists say younger people are taking longer to reach economic independence and consider marriage, because they are struggling to find work or focusing on an advanced education.

The Northeast had the most people who were delaying marriage, led by states such as New York and Massachusetts. People in the South were more likely to give marriage a try, including those in Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Obama embarks on diplomatic whirl

NEW YORK (AP) — No one in the White House, the Israeli government or among Palestinian officials is publicly predicting a breakthrough out of the three-way Mideast meeting that President Barack Obama is hosting here. And yet the session today is seen as a crucial step for Obama.

After seeing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas separately, Obama is bringing the two together for the first Israeli-Palestinian meeting since Netanyahu took office in March. Taking place on the sidelines of this week's annual U.N. General Assembly here, just the fact that the meeting is scheduled is big news.

Even if little more than a photo opportunity, it will probably be the most-watched portion of a marathon day of international diplomacy for Obama, a 12-hour sprint through many high-profile global problems and disputes.

In addition to the three-way Mideast talks, Obama meets the Chinese president at a fraught time in the Washington-Beijing relationship; plays luncheon host, as America's first black president, to sub-Saharan African leaders for talks on boosting opportunities for young people in their poverty-stricken nations; delivers key speeches to former President Bill Clinton's Global Initiative and to a U.N. heads-of-state session on the stalled issue of climate change; and ends the day with a U.N.-sponsored leaders dinner.

Gov't issues mass transit warning

DENVER (AP) — An airport shuttle driver under arrest in Colorado may have been planning with others to detonate backpack bombs on New York City trains in a terrorism plot similar to past attacks on London's and Madrid's mass-transit systems, officials said.

The investigation into the possible terror plot has prompted counterterrorism officials to warn mass-transit systems around the nation to step up patrols.

Two law enforcement officials speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss details of the investigation told The Associated Press late Monday that more than a half-dozen individuals were being scrutinized in the alleged plot.

In a statement, the FBI says that "several individuals in the United States, Pakistan and elsewhere" are being investigated.

Investigators say Najibullah Zazi, a 24-year-old Afghanistan-born immigrant who is a shuttle van driver at the Denver airport, played a direct role in the terror plot that unraveled after an overnight 1,600-mile trip from Denver to New York City around the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. He made his first court appearance Monday and remained behind bars.

Ousted president reignites crisis

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — The daring return of deposed President Manuel Zelaya has thrust Honduras back onto the world stage and posed a sharp challenge to interim leaders determined to hold new elections without him after a June coup.

Thousands of Zelaya supporters defied a curfew and spent the night surrounding Brazil's embassy, where the leader remained holed up Tuesday, a day after slipping back into the country. In exile since June 28, Zelaya said he had traveled for 15 hours overland in a series of vehicles to pull off the stealth homecoming.

The government of interim President Roberto Micheletti ordered a 26-hour shutdown of the capital Tegucigalpa beginning Monday afternoon, closed the airport and set up roadblocks on highways leading into town.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $330,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $330,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Monday's game.

Lottery officials said 87 players matched four numbers and won $228.50 each; 3,126 players matched three numbers and won $10.50 each; and 37,154 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

150,000 gay couples report being wed

Same-sex spouses were reported in every state.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 150,000 same-sex couples reported being in marriage relationships last year, many more than the number of actual weddings and civil unions, according to the first U.S. census figures released on same-sex marriages.

About 27 percent of the estimated 564,743 total gay couples in the United States said they were in a relationship akin to "husband" and "wife," according to the Census Bureau tally provided to The Associated Press. That's compared with 91 percent of the 61.3 million total opposite-sex couples who reported being married.

A consultant to the Census Bureau estimated there were roughly 100,000 official same-sex weddings, civil unions and domestic partnerships in 2008.

Analysts said the disparities are probably a reflection of same-sex couples in committed relationships who would get married if they could in their states. The numbers are also an indicator of the count to come in the 2010 census, a tally that could stir a state-by-state fight over same-sex marriage, gay adoption and other legal rights.

Nationwide, about 56 percent of the 149,956 total same-sex marriages in the census survey last year were lesbian couples. Same-sex spouses were reported in every state; specific breakdowns weren't immediately available.

"Even though in 2008 there were only a few states where you could get legally married, a large portion of same-sex couples either were married or chose to use that term," said Gary Gates, a demographer at UCLA who is advising the Census Bureau.

Gates reviewed the number of marriage licenses issued and other factors to estimate the number of same-sex couples in legal relationships. During 2008, same-sex marriage was legal in California, Massachusetts, Iowa and Connecticut, while a handful of other states recognized civil unions and domestic partnerships. U.S. same-sex couples also can marry in Canada and other foreign countries.

Curtis Chin, 41, and Jeff Kim, 43, of Los Angeles, are among those who plan to report to the census that they are spouses. The two were planning a big wedding for 2009 but rushed into a private legal ceremony last fall when it became clear that California voters would soon ban same-sex marriages.

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DAY PICK BIG 4:	5-7-8-5
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DAY QUINTO:	6-3-7-4-4
NIGHT QUINTO:	4-5-4-7-5
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OUR OPINION

Disarray preferred to climate policy

HERE'S A NOVEL IDEA for the 100 or so world leaders gathering at the United Nations in New York today to discuss global warming:

Open your eyes and your minds to real science and shelve the theology of "climate change." For you're making fools of yourselves and will cause more harm than good.

Today's meeting is billed as the highest-level summit ever on what governments of the world should do about the globe's supposed heating to forestall the supposed coming Armageddon, all at man's hand, of course.

What U.N. types are hoping for is some kind of consensus on what to do in advance of a climate change "Kumbaya" session in Copenhagen in December. Or as The New York Times puts it, rather obliquely:

"(T)he United Nations is hoping that collectively the leaders can summon the will to overcome narrow national interests and give the negotiators marching orders needed to cut at least the outline of a deal."

Allow us to translate: The U.N., employing junk science (that even does a disservice to the word "junk"), hopes to snooker world leaders into surrendering their nations' sovereignty in pursuit of a worldwide social and economic reordering.

The best word we can find to describe such a scenario? Blech.

The last great hope for our planet is not some kind of international consensus today in New York. No, it is continued disarray and, thus, further delay in implementing this bum's rush into unmitigated disaster until cooler heads prevail.

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

YOUR OPINION

Healthy diet wards off pancreatic cancer

To the Editor:

I was saddened to hear about legendary actor Patrick Swayze's death. His brave, public fight against pancreatic cancer inspired many others.

Millions of Americans will miss him, and people are looking for ways to protect themselves from this deadly disease.

Pancreatic cancer is almost impossible to cure. But as a dietitian, I know that diet and lifestyle changes can help prevent this disease.

According to a new study, fat from red meat and dairy products significantly increases the risk of pancreatic cancer. Researchers analyzed the diets of more than 525,000 participants to determine whether there is an association between dietary fat and pancreatic cancer. The study found no association between plant-food fat and pancreatic cancer.

Fruits, vegetables, and other low-fat vegetarian foods could actually prevent pancreatic cancer, according to other studies. One study found that consuming foods rich in flavonoids — apples, grapefruit, broccoli and berries —may decrease pancreatic cancer risk by up to 59 percent. For more information about how a healthy diet can help prevent cancer, go to www.CancerProject.org.

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The Cancer Project
Washington, D.C.

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Advance the notable success in Pakistan

Morton **KONDRACKE**

From China to Russia and Afghanistan to Iran, it's a time of woe for U.S. foreign policy. But there's an exception — Pakistan — and Congress can keep the progress going.

Specifically, Congress needs finally to pass legislation, sponsored in the Senate by John Kerry, D-Mass., and Dick Lugar, R-Ind., authorizing $1.5 billion a year in long-term economic and security assistance.

More controversially, Congress and the Obama administration need to make it clear that the United States will do what it takes to prevent the Taliban from retaking neighboring Afghanistan.

Final passage of Kerry-Lugar — sponsored in the House by Reps. Howard Berman, D-Calif., and Mark Kirk, R-Ill. — will authorize a tripling of U.S. assistance to Pakistan and make a statement that the United States is dedicated for the long haul to Pakistan's social and economic progress.

More U.S. and Afghan forces plus a new protect-the-population strategy are necessary in Afghanistan to prevent it from becoming a sanctuary for terrorist operations against Pakistan now that military progress is being made there.

The U.S. public and Democratic leaders in Congress don't want to step up the fight in Afghanistan, but they must realize that the future of populous, nuclear-armed Pakistan is at stake, too.

As late as five months ago, Pakistan appeared to be plunging into chaos — menaced by terrorists, mired in political turmoil and economically in crisis.

But, thanks to unexpected political leadership from Pakistan's democratic government, a big Taliban scare and support from the international community, especially the United States, a lot has turned around.

Dozens of extremist leaders have been killed in U.S. missile strikes, including the Pakistani Taliban's top leader, Baitullah Mehsud, the man responsible for the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

The success of Predator-borne missile strikes bespeaks a high level of military, intelligence and political cooperation between the U.S. and Pakistan — and success in penetrating hostile areas along the Afghan border to identify targets.

Pakistanis got a huge scare earlier this year when the Taliban took over the scenic Swat valley north of the capital, Islamabad.

Pakistan's president, Asif Ali Zardari, Bhutto's widower, has made it a cornerstone of his year-old regime that the war against terrorism was not America's war but "our war," but the Pakistani population didn't seem convinced until Swat was taken over.

In what seemed a capitulation this spring, Zardari allowed his supporters in Parliament to bless a cease-fire with the Taliban in Swat.

In fact, government supporters say, Zardari knew that the Taliban would seize control by force, begin committing atrocities and alienate the population. Exactly that happened.

In May, 500,000 civilians were evacuated from Swat, the army moved in and the Taliban were largely crushed.

In an interview, Pakistan's ambassador to the U.S., Husain Haqqani, told me that there's been a sea change in military-civilian relations in Pakistan.

"The military is actually doing what the civilians are deciding. The civilians have decided to fight and the military is fully behind it," he said.

Zardari also has quieted political crises involving independent lawyers over the judiciary and his rival, Nawaz Sharif, that earlier threatened the anti-terror struggle.

Moreover, a bailout from the International Monetary Fund, aid from a U.S.-led consortium and controls on government spending have reduced inflation and helped Pakistan weather the global economic crisis.

Despite all that, however, Zardari's approval ratings are low — 33 percent — and so are those of the United States, according to the Pew Global Attitudes Survey.

The poll suggests that Pakistani opinion is on a knife's edge. Sixty-four percent of the population regards the U.S. as an "enemy" and only 9 percent as a "partner."

Only 13 percent have confidence in President Barack Obama, and 16 percent have a favorable view of the United States.

Yet, by 54 percent to 29 percent, Pakistanis say it's important that relations with the U.S. improve, and 69 percent worry that Islamic extremists could take control of their country.

Congress and the Obama administration need to make it clear that the United States will do what it takes to prevent the Taliban from retaking neighboring Afghanistan.

Whatever support the Taliban had — 27 percent in 2008 — has dropped to near nothing, and big majorities favor U.S. economic and intelligence assistance. Almost half even approve of U.S. missile strikes.

"The good news," Haqqani said, "is that the government has been able to turn the people against the Taliban and Al Qaeda. The bad news is that we haven't turned it pro-American.

"So, if you want to do this, the way to do it is to push (Kerry-Lugar) quickly so we can sell the argument that our people will benefit from relations with the United States."

Another appeal for swift passage was made this week by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Michael Mullen.

Versions of Kerry-Lugar have passed both the House and Senate. Passing a final bill next week — which Zardari could bring home from the United Nations — would help secure successes against extremism.

Morton Kondracke is executive editor of Roll Call, the newspaper of Capitol Hill.

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OK... WHEN YOU... GET INTO... THIS KIND OF... SITUATION... YOU NEED... TO... BE... CALM...
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How much carbon dioxide is in the air?

YOUR OPINION

To the Editor:

What percent of the air is carbon dioxide? It is a question I have asked 150 local residents of many random ages, professions and educational backgrounds.

A special uncirculated Lincoln penny is offered as a prize for an answer that is within 5 percent of the correct answer.

The question was asked in the spirit of providing a learning experience for me and a potential learning experience for the individuals being questioned. With carbon dioxide being framed as the major player in the global warming game and the focus of a wide range of new and much higher taxes (cap and trade), I wondered if the general public knew the salient carbon dioxide facts.

Did most people know the percent of carbon dioxide in the air ... how much has that percentage increased in the last 50 years? Isn't carbon dioxide plant food and essential for producing food for all animals ... including humans?

The most common answer for my question was that air contained 60 percent carbon dioxide. More than half of the people answered that air was more than 50 percent carbon dioxide.

One person said that all air was carbon dioxide. Ten people out of 150 gave an answer of 10 percent or lower. Three people gave an answer of 2 percent or lower. One person gave an answer of lower than 1 percent.

All who gave an answer were presented with the trophy penny, given the correct answer and asked to put the question to someone else.

It was great fun and an interesting learning experience for me, and certainly everyone learned something. The correct answer is air has a carbon dioxide concentration of less than one tenth of a percent and air has no more carbon dioxide than it did 50 years ago.

Do we need new and higher carbon dioxide taxes (cap and trade) to save the planet?

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Language Signals

Punctuation Matters

Have you ever had trouble figuring out what somebody's writing meant? Maybe that was because the writer didn't use proper **punctuation** (PUNK-chuh-WAY-shun). Punctuation marks, such as commas and periods, help us understand the written language.

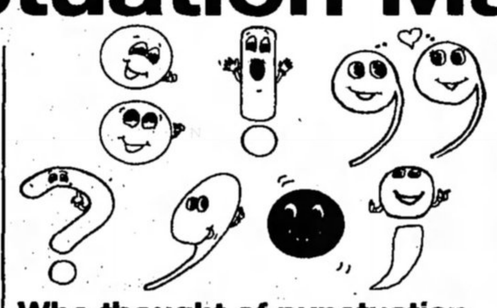
In honor of National Punctuation Day, Sept. 24, The Mini Page talked with Lynne Truss, author of three punctuation books for kids.

"Eats, Shoots & Leaves: Why, Commas Really *Do* Make A Difference!" shows how punctuation can change the meaning of a sentence.

The phrase "eats, shoots & leaves" was supposed to be about what a panda eats, which is shoots* and leaves of bamboo. The phrase should have been "eats shoots and leaves."

But in a book about animals, the comma was put in the wrong place. This way, it looked as if the panda ate its dinner, took a shot at something, and then left.

***Shoots are new stems and branches.**



Who thought of punctuation, anyway?

"Punctuation was invented mainly as a way of telling the reader, 'These words go together' and 'These words need to be kept apart, otherwise the meaning isn't clear,'" Lynne Truss said. "Without punctuation, the meaning of a bunch of words can be much harder to work out!"

Since the beginning of writing, people have used different marks to add more information to written words. For example, ancient Greeks had a system of dots to tell actors how much breath to take before a word or a phrase in a speech.

And along came technology

After the printing press was invented almost 600 years ago, people started making more rules about punctuation. Readers needed to know where one idea ended and a new one began.

Now, right before our eyes, technology is changing the rules again. Some people leave out capital letters and periods in e-mails and text messages. These writers invent their own rules.

People also use a lot of exclamation points and question marks when texting and e-mailing.

Lynne said: "I love the way people punctuate texts. One of the main features of punctuation is that it gives the reader the sound and rhythm of the writer's voice — exclaiming, querying*, pausing, stopping or running on very fast."

***Query (KWIR-ee) means to ask questions.**

Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy is working on the punctuation in her notes. See if you can find:

- sailboat
- olive
- book
- bell
- tin can
- question mark
- letter B
- kite
- letter D
- exclamation mark
- word MINI
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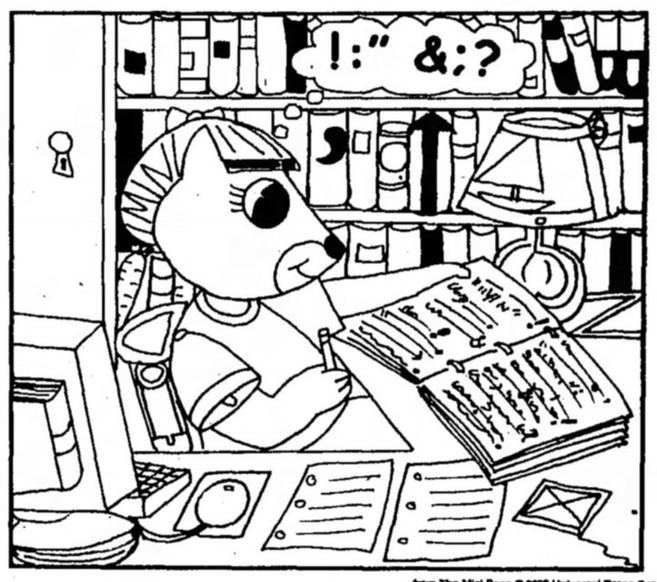

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Broccoli With Orange Sauce

You'll need:

- 1 medium broccoli crown
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons orange marmalade
- 3 to 4 tablespoons chopped walnuts (optional)
- sprinkle of salt and pepper

What to do:

1. Cut broccoli into florets. Place in microwave bowl with water; cover and steam for 3½ minutes.
2. Combine olive oil, orange juice and marmalade in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat until mixture starts to bubble slightly.
3. Drain broccoli, chop as desired, and sprinkle salt and pepper to taste.
4. Pour orange sauce over broccoli. Top with chopped walnuts. Makes 4 side servings.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Meet Jon Cryer

Photo courtesy Warner Brothers Pictures

Jon Cryer stars as Dad Thompson in the movie "Shorts." He is best known for his role as Alan Harper in the TV series "Two and a Half Men." He has acted in several movies, including "Pretty in Pink." He has also co-written, produced and directed movies and TV shows.

Jon, 44, grew up in New York City. His father, David Cryer, is an actor, and his mother, Gretchen Cryer, is an actor and writer.

Jon acted in his first commercial when he was 4 years old. He went to a summer acting camp when he was a child. He later went to school for acting in London.

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Gus Goodsport's Report

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Supersport: Philip Rivers

Height: 6-5 Birthplace: Decatur, Ala. Weight: 228

So Philip Rivers might not have a "classic" throwing motion. So what! Just put him at quarterback, and his teams win. It happened at his high school in Alabama. It happened in his four years at North Carolina State. And it has happened in his three seasons as a starter with the San Diego Chargers.

Since taking over as the No. 1 QB in 2006, Rivers has posted a 25-7 record as a starter and led the Chargers to three straight AFC West titles. In 2008 he posted the top quarterback rating (105.5) in the National Football League while passing for 4,009 yards and 34 touchdowns.

The son of a high school coach, Rivers has a high football IQ. Tall, tough and talented, he dissects defenses, sees the open receiver and finds ways to win.

Rivers is more than an elite quarterback, however. He's a devoted family man, and founded a charity — the Rivers of Hope Foundation — that helps place foster children in stable homes.

Now he's back on the field, ready to give the Chargers stability at quarterback once again.

The Key to Understanding

The importance of punctuation

Even though rules may be changing for text-messaging and e-mailing, the rules have not changed for regular writing.

If you are writing school papers, letters or a book, commas and other punctuation marks are still needed. Punctuation marks help the reader figure out your message in texts and e-mails too. Use the punctuation rules that fit what you're writing.

Advice to kids

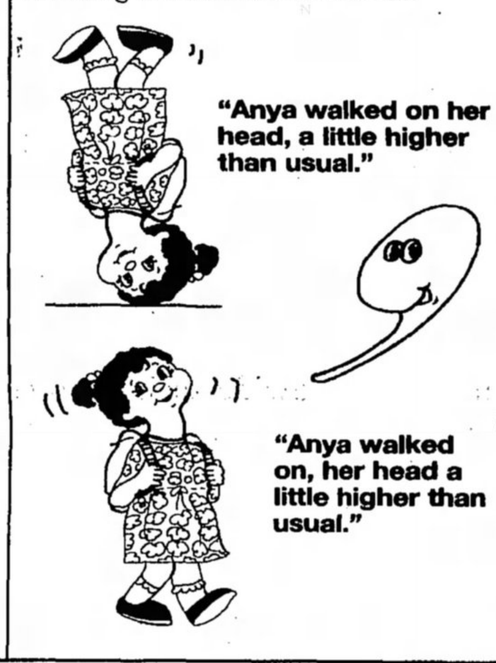
"The main thing (about punctuation) is to notice it!" Lynne said. "Reading is not just getting the sense off the page; it's also about hearing the words; following an argument; listening."

Changing the meaning

If you put a punctuation mark in the wrong place, it can completely change the meaning of the sentence.

For example, look at these two sentences. How does the comma change the meaning?

See how a comma changes the meaning of these two sentences:



"Anya walked on her head, a little higher than usual."

"Anya walked on, her head a little higher than usual."

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The Punctuation Marks

At the end

The period, question mark and exclamation point all come at the end of a sentence. They tell the reader about the writer's or speaker's tone of voice.

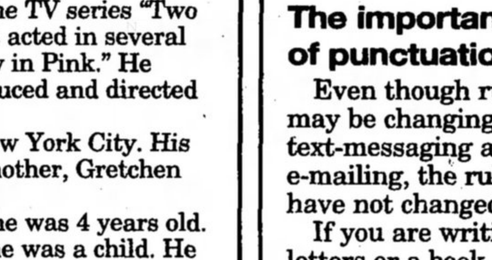
The **period** shows the writer is making a simple statement. "Ali did her homework as soon as she got home."

The **question mark** is exactly what it sounds like: It shows someone is asking a question. "Ali, have you done your homework yet?"

The **exclamation point** shows somebody is surprised or excited. "Yahoo! I am all done with my homework!"

Next week The Mini Page is about firefighters battling wildfires.

Look through the articles and ads in your newspaper. Pick a few sentences. How does the meaning change if you change the punctuation?

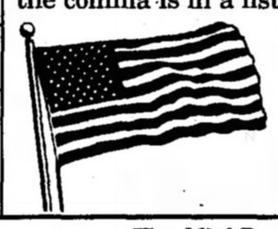


The important little comma

"The comma is the most important mark, after the period," Lynne said. "I like to think of it as a helpful sheepdog, rounding up the words that go together, and penning them safely away from the words that would confuse things.

"I think of the comma as a little red flag planted in the sentence at the right spot to say, 'Hey, pay attention here. This sentence is doing more than you might think.'"

Lynne said, "The simplest use of the comma is in a list." For example, "The colors of the flag are red, white, and blue."



The colon and semicolon

The colon and semicolon "are very useful marks," Lynne said. "Even more than the comma, they say, 'Stop here a minute and look around.' Both of them are ways of joining bits of a sentence."

With a colon, the second part of the sentence explains the first part. For example, "Becky couldn't speak: She was so shy."

A semicolon links two thoughts together. For example, "I remember Becky when she was little; now she's so grown-up."

The apostrophe

Apostrophes are used to show words are possessive, as in "the cat's paws," (one cat) or "the dogs' leashes" (two or more dogs). (They are **not** used to make words plural.)

Apostrophes are also used to show letters have been taken out of a word, as in "don't" instead of "do not."

The dogs like my dad.

The dog's like my dad.

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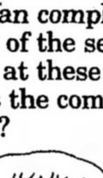
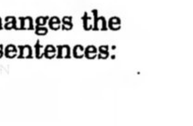
MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?



Patton: What did the student say when the teacher asked him to use the word "cousin" in a sentence?
Paul: "I put on my mittens 'cousin' the winter my hands get cold!"



Penny: What makes a point without a finger?
Polly: An exclamation point!

Perry: How did one punctuation mark invite the other to his house?
Pam: "Please comma over today!"

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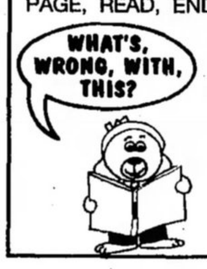
Basset Brown The News Hound's Punctuation TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of punctuation are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: COMMA, PERIOD, APOSTROPHE, EXCLAMATION, COLON, SEMICOLON, PLURAL, POSSESSIVE, LANGUAGE, SOUND, TEXT, MARK, SYMBOL, PAGE, READ, END, SENTENCE, PEN, PAY, ATTENTION, WRITE.



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Study seeks early flu detection

Freshmen at Duke University will be subjects in this experiment.

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

Associated Press

Registered nurse Sara Hoffman, left, draws a blood sample from Ariel Snowden-Wright, from Chicago, as fellow student Cherry Tran comforts her at Duke University in Durham, N.C. The students are participating in a swine flu genome testing study at Duke funded by the Defense Department.

WASHINGTON — Coughed on by somebody with the flu? Duke University researchers are developing a test to determine — with a mere drop of blood — who will get sick before the sniffling and fever set in. And they're turning to hundreds of dorm-dwelling freshmen this fall to see if it works.

It's a novel experiment: Students report daily whether they have any cold or flu symptoms. If they do, a team swoops in to test not just the sneezer but, more importantly, seemingly healthy friends and hallmates who might be incubating the infection.

"We're redefining the definition of being ill," says Col. Geoffrey Ling, a physician with the Defense Research Projects Agency, the Defense Department's research arm, which came up with the idea.

The reason: The military faces huge problems when flu or other viruses sweep through crowded barracks, and knowing an outbreak was brewing could allow them to separate and protect those not infected. We're not just talking about the challenge of replacing fevered soldiers on the day's patrol. Your body may be slowing down even before that fever erupts, as it tries to fight off a brewing virus.

And flu is contagious up to 24 hours before people show symptoms, one of the insidious ways that it spreads.

"If you've got a group of people living together and you can identify who's likely to become sick, you can much more efficiently use whatever your intervention is — a vaccine, an antiviral — to prevent disease," explains Duke infectious disease specialist Dr. Christopher Woods.

Respiratory viruses sweep through crowded college dorms just as easily as military squads, and with the new swine flu — the 2009 H1N1 strain — targeting mostly the young, Duke scientists may learn sooner than they had hoped just how well their experimental test really works.

It's based on a simple principle: Your immune system revs up to fight infection long before you show symptoms or before today's tests could detect the actual virus in your body. The Duke team discovered a so-called genomic fingerprint, a pattern of subtle molecular changes as genes are activated to fight viral respiratory infections.

Working with colleagues at the University of Virginia and in London, the Duke team first dripped various viruses into the noses of healthy volunteers. The people were quarantined, and scientists collected daily blood, saliva and nasal-fluid samples. Sure enough, they spotted the RNA-based fingerprint that separated who got sick from who didn't, in a few cases just hours after the person was exposed.

But does it work in the real world?

Armed with a $19.5 million Defense grant, Duke is trying to find out — and to create an easy-to-use test kit that could read a blood drop in minutes and signal with, say, a color change who's going to get sick.

"A vision for this would be similar to a diabetic who pricks their finger every day," says project leader Dr. Geoffrey Ginsburg, director of Duke's Center for Genomic Medicine. "The science will tell us what the limitations will be."

Enter the Duke dorm study. It's enrolling up to 800 students who agree to log onto a Web site every day and report if they have any cold- or flu-like symptoms.

Researchers signed up Sean Cadley, a freshman from New York City, when she walked by them already hacking. She admits being enticed in part by $75 in compensation for the pokes and prods of testing.

"I'm getting something out of being sick, which is always nice," said Cadley, a sharp cough still punctuating every few sentences nearly two weeks later.

Cadley, 18, thought nothing of the bug at first, but a fever of 103 hit a few days after the cough and she says she didn't leave her room for two days.

Researchers won't say if it was the flu or another virus. But they quickly e-mailed her dorm-mates to say someone in the building was sick, and Cadley's friends raced to volunteer for up to five days of tests — pocketing $150 apiece — to see if they, too, would fall ill.

Beyond the pre-symptom test, the dorm study could shed crucial new light on how flu ripples through communities. Using sophisticated mapping techniques, researchers will tease out social aspects of infection — how close you must be to the sick to catch their bug, for example. And they may identify hot spots of transmission where they can warn students to take extra precautions.

If the study pans out, the Defense agency's Ling hopes to seek Food and Drug Administration approval for a pre-symptom test within two years, aimed at crowded quarters like the military, colleges, nursing homes, even hospital intensive care units.

To Ginsburg, the work is only the beginning. He envisions catching deadly bacterial or fungal infections far earlier in vulnerable people like organ transplant recipients, or even a day when there's a treatment for the common cold — should you detect it early enough.

"Infectious disease is ripe for this," Ginsburg says.

MVH releases weekly schedule

Here's a look at next week's programs at Monongahela Valley Hospital:

■ Sept. 28 — Breast-feeding class, 6:30 p.m., Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township. This free class is designed for mothers who plan to breastfeed and to help them feel more comfortable and confident while in the hospital after delivery and when returning home. Many props are used in this class, including breast pumps. Husbands and grandmothers are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call (724) 258-BABY (2229).

■ Sept. 29 — Public CPR instruction, 6 p.m., Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes are offered by the hospital in conjunction with Valley Health and Safety Training Center. The $30 fee is payable to VHSTC and advance registration is required at (724) 684-9536.

■ Sept. 30 — Advanced Carbohydrate Counting, 9 a.m., education conference center. Diabetes self-management class that focuses on carb counting with everything you need to know. Learn how to measure the upward drive each meal has on blood sugar and information on the glycemic index. It is required that initial three-day Diabetes Self Management Training be completed prior to attending the Carbohydrate Counting class. At least one week advanced registration also is required. For more information or to register, call (724) 258-1148.

Prostate cancer treatment may spark heart problems

By MARIA CHENG
AP Medical Writer

LONDON — A common treatment for prostate cancer may slightly increase patients' risk of heart problems, new research says.

Experts said the findings could make doctors think twice before prescribing the standard hormone treatment to men with prostate cancer, particularly if they are at risk of heart disease. The research was announced Tuesday at a joint meeting of the European Cancer Organisation and the European Society for Medical Oncology in Berlin.

"What we can do with these results is to raise a flag with hormone treatments," said Mieke Van Hemelrijck, a cancer epidemiologist at King's College in London and the study's lead researcher.

More than 670,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer globally every year, making it the second-most common cancer in men, after lung cancer. In the U.S., about 600,000 men are being treated with endocrine therapies for prostate cancer.

Van Hemelrijck and colleagues studied more than 30,000 men in Sweden with prostate cancer who got hormone therapy between 1997 and 2006, for about three years.

They compared the rate of heart problems in those patients to the rate in the general Swedish population.

Prostate cancer patients had a 28 percent higher relative chance of having a fatal heart attack and a 21 percent increased chance of dying from heart disease.

Still, these risks were low in absolute terms: researchers estimated the hormone therapies would cause an extra 10 heart problems — like chest pain or a heart attack — a year for every 1,000 prostate cancer patients.

"What patients should do is talk about this with their doctor," said Michael Thun, a vice president emeritus at the American Cancer Society, who was not connected to the research. "It makes a lot of sense and could one day change treatment guidelines."

Previous studies have found hormone therapy given to prostate cancer patients with a history of heart disease increases their chances of dying.

Van Hemelrijck hypothesized that hormone therapy disrupts the normal circulation of testosterone in the body. Scientists think testosterone has some protective effect on the heart. Thus, hormones that interfere with testosterone could be deadly.

"There is no definitive evidence, though the risk of heart problems is definitely something doctors should consider when prescribing hormone treatment," Thun said.

Helen Rippon, head of research management at Britain's Prostate Cancer Charity, said the benefits of hormone therapy ultimately outweighed the increased risk of heart problems. "This is not a colossal risk," Rippon said.

"For the vast majority of men, the benefits of hormone therapy are absolutely clear: it can halt the disease or stop it for years," she said.

Stricter radon controls urged

GENEVA (AP) — The World Health Organization says countries should set tighter controls on radon in homes to prevent lung cancer.

WHO says new studies show that the presence of radon in homes is more dangerous than previously thought. The agency says it is a significant cause of 3 percent to 14 percent of worldwide lung cancer cases.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is found particularly in mines, caves and water treatment plants. But it is also found at lower levels in homes.

WHO spokeswoman Fadela Chaib said Tuesday the body's new handbook recommends countries to adopt limits of 100 becquerel per cubic meter for the tolerance of radon.

The agency says most countries have levels two or four times higher for indoor radon limits.

INNOVATIONS IN H1N1 FLU TREATMENT

Wednesday, October 7 at 6 p.m.

Jeffrey R. James, M.D., board-certified in infectious disease and internal medicine, along with a team of health care professionals will present a free program to recognize the risk factors for the **Novel H1N1 (Swine Flu) virus** and discuss immunization and the role of the MVH Infection Control Department in treatment.

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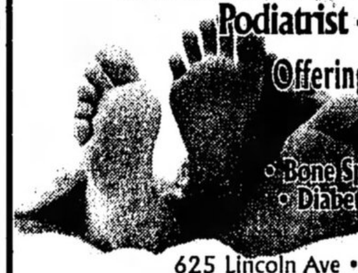

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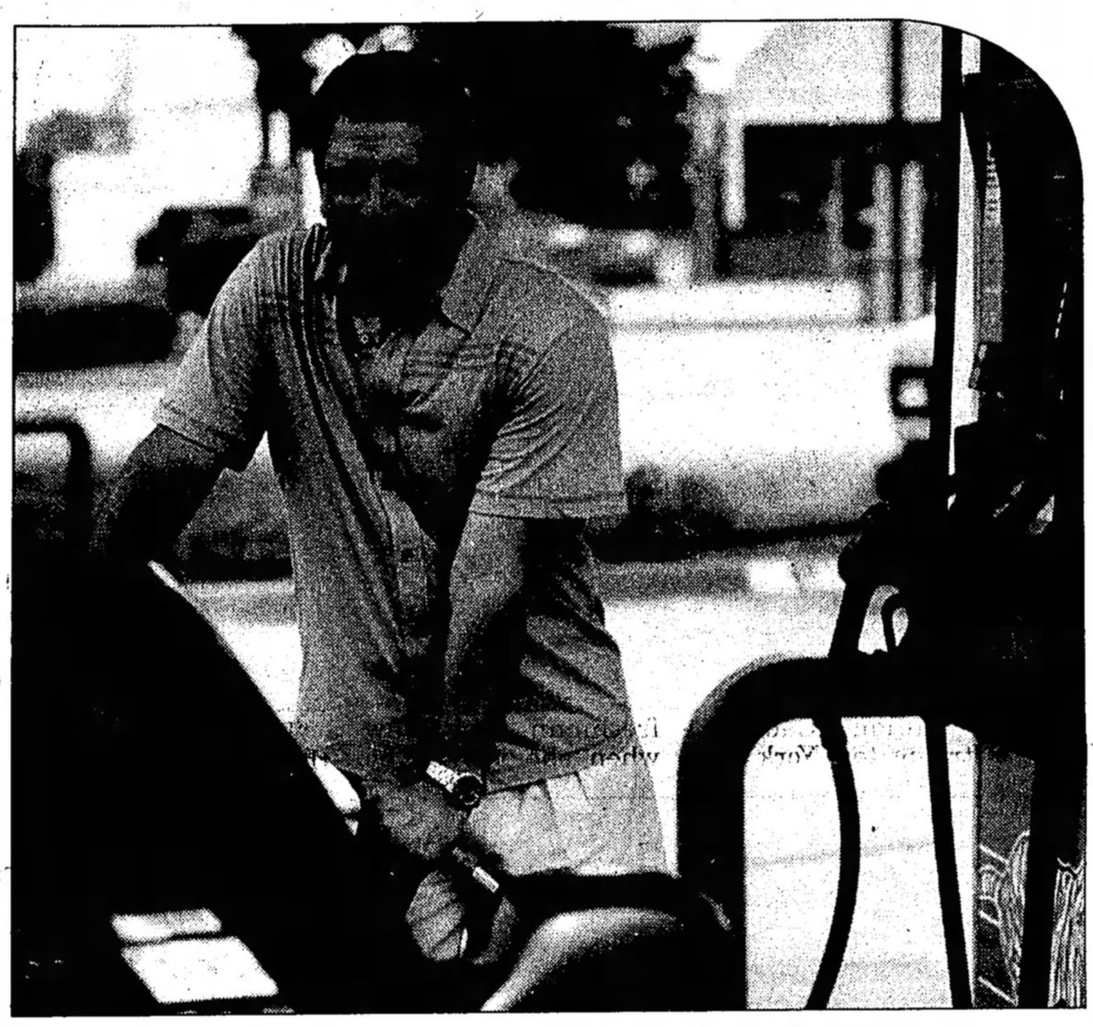

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Amish mantle and miracle invention help home heat bills hit rock bottom

Miracle heaters being given away free with orders for real Amish fireplace mantles to announce the invention that helps slash heat bills, but Amish craftsmen under strain of early Christmas rush force household limit of 2

Save money: only uses about 9¢ electric an hour; so turn down your thermostat and never be cold again

By Mark Woods
Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) Everyone hates high heat bills. But we're all sick and tired of simply turning down the thermostat and then being cold.

Well now, the popular HEAT SURGE® miracle heaters are actually being given away free to the general public for the next 48 hours starting at precisely 8:00 a.m. today.

The only thing local readers have to do is call the National Distribution Hotline before the 48-hour deadline with their order for the handmade Amish Fireplace Mantle. Everyone who does is instantly being awarded the miracle heater absolutely free.

This is all happening to announce the HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow® Fireplace which actually rolls from room-to-room so you can turn down your thermostat and take the heat with you anywhere. That way, everyone who gets them first can immediately start saving on their heat bills.

Just in time for winter weather, portable Amish encased fireplaces are being delivered directly to the doors of all those who beat the deadline.

These remarkable fireplaces are being called a miracle because they have what's being called the *Fireless* Flame™ patented technology that gives you the peaceful flicker of a real fire but without any flames, fumes, smells, ashes or mess. Everyone is getting them because they require no chimney and no vent. You just plug them in.

The *Fireless* Flame looks so real it amazes everybody because it has no real fire. So what's the catch? Well, soft spoken Amish craftsmen who take their time hand building the mantles have a process that forces a strict household limit of 2 to keep up with orders.

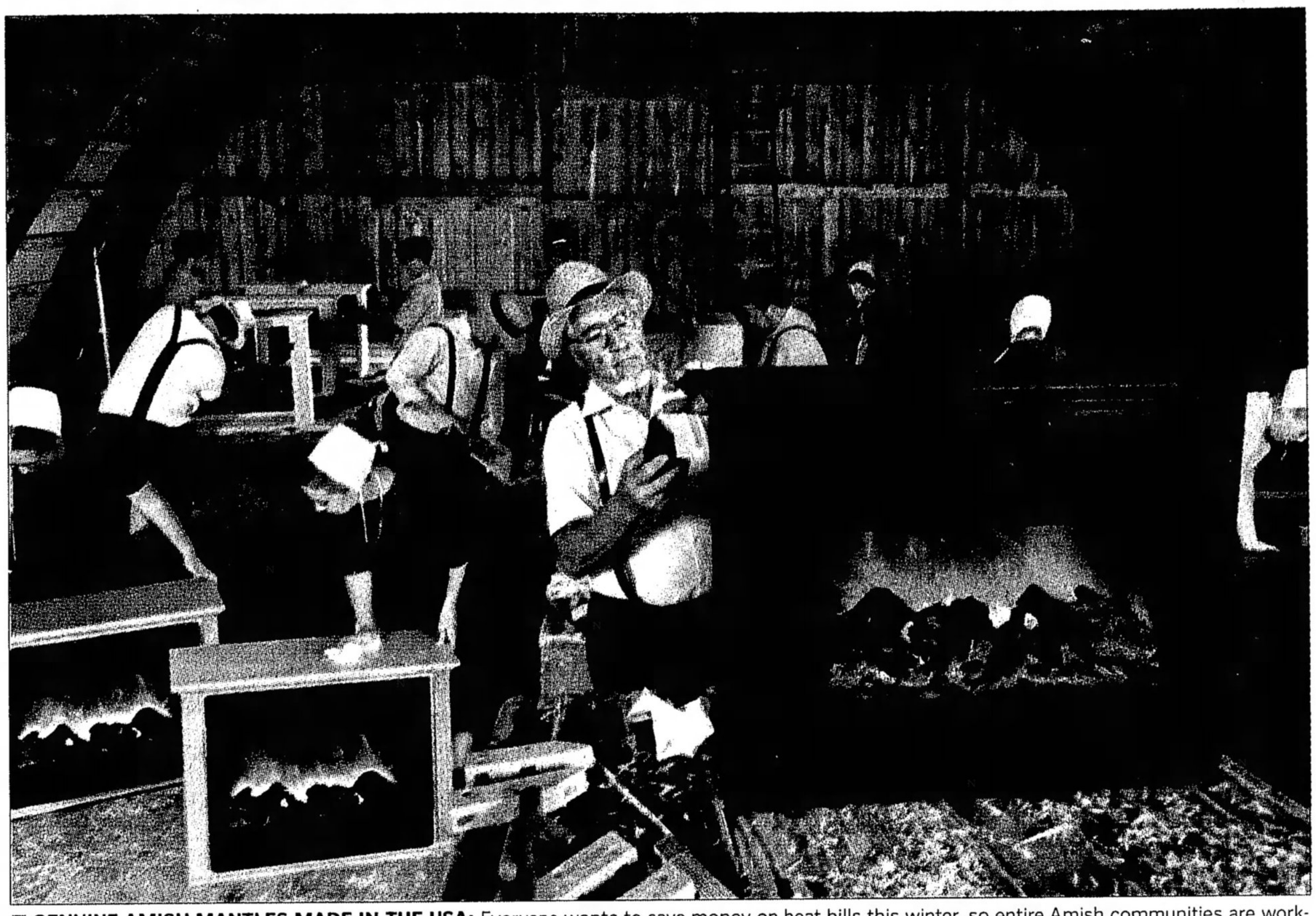
"We can barely keep up ever since we started giving heaters away free. With winter just around the corner, everyone's trying to get them. Amish craftsmen are working their fingers to the bone to be sure everyone gets their delivery in time for Christmas," confirms Frederick Miller, National Shipping Director.

"These portable Roll-n-Glow Fireplaces are the latest home decorating sensation. They actually give you a beautifully redecorated room while they quickly heat from wall to wall. It's the best way to dress up every room, stay really warm and slash your heat bills all at the same time," says Josette Holland, Home Makeover Expert.

And here's the best part. Readers who beat the 48-hour order deadline are getting their imported hi-tech miracle heaters free when encased in the Amish built real wood fireplace mantles. The mantles are being handmade in the USA right in the heart of Amish country where they are beautifully hand-rubbed, stained and varnished.

You just can't find custom made Amish mantles like this in the national chain stores. That makes the oak mantle a real steal for just two hundred ninety-eight dollars since the entire cost of the miracle heater is free.

This free giveaway is the best way to slash heating bills and stay warm this fall and winter. The HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow Fireplace gives you zone heating and all the beauty and warmth of a built-in fireplace but rolls from room-to-room so it can also save you a ton of money on heating bills.



■ **GENUINE AMISH MANTLES MADE IN THE USA:** Everyone wants to save money on heat bills this winter, so entire Amish communities are working from the crack of dawn to finish. These fine real wood Amish made fireplace mantles are built to last forever. The oak mantle is a real steal at just two hundred ninety-eight dollars because all those who beat the order deadline by calling the National Hotline at 1-866-843-3581 to order the fireplace mantles are actually getting the imported hi-tech *Fireless* Flame HEAT SURGE miracle heaters for free.

Even people in California and Florida are flocking to get them so they may never have to turn on their furnace all winter. And since it uses only about 9 cents of electric an hour on the standard setting, the potential savings are absolutely incredible.

"We are making sure no one gets left out, but you better hurry because entire communities of Amish craftsmen are straining to keep up with demands. For now, we are staying out of the large national retail stores in order to let readers have two per household just as long as they call before the deadline," confirms Miller.

It's a really smart decision to get two right now because for only the next 48 hours you get both miracle heaters free. That's like putting five hundred bucks right in your pocket and you can save even more money on your monthly heating bills.

"Everyone's calling to get one but those who are getting their Christmas shopping done early are surprising the whole family by getting two. So when lines are busy keep trying or log onto amishfireplaces.com. We promise to get to every call. Then we can have a delivery truck out to your door right away with your beautiful Heat Surge Roll-n-Glow Fireplace," Miller said.

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How to get 2 free heaters

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A strict limit of 2 per household has been imposed. Since some home woodworkers want to build their own mantle piece, they are letting people get the imported miracle heater alone for just $249. Or, with the Amish made mantle you get the miracle heater free.

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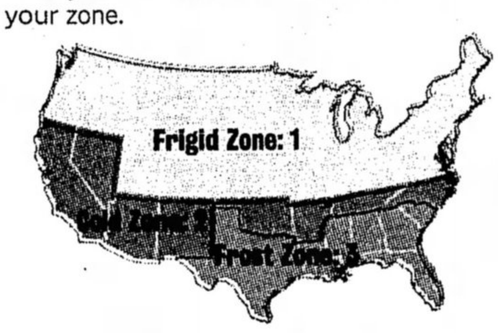

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Historic win for Manning

Peyton Manning rallied the Colts past the Dolphins Monday to set a franchise record for wins by a quarterback. 3B

Valley SPORTS

Penguins lose in Montreal

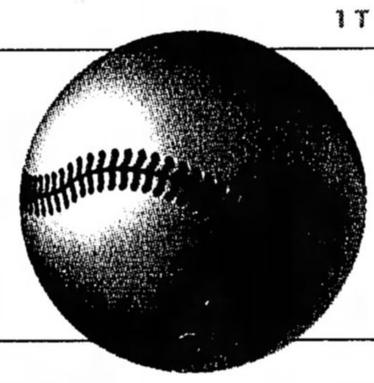
Brian Gionta scored twice and added an assist as the Canadiens topped in the Penguins in a pre-season contest. 2B

Pirates collapse

The Padres scored five times in the 11th inning Monday to win the series finale in Pittsburgh. 3B

Sports Trivia

Which area high school assistant football coach passed for more than 4,000 career yards in the scholastic ranks? 3B



Last night's scores

San Diego 11, Pittsburgh 6, 11 innings
Atlanta 11, N.Y. Mets 3
Chicago Cubs 10, Milwaukee 2
St. Louis 7, Houston 3
San Francisco 5, Arizona 4

Brian **HERMAN**

WPIAL takes money hit on football

It's no secret that the football playoffs are the WPIAL's top money maker.

There was a big drop, however, in the revenue brought in from the 2008 post-season.

Last year's playoffs generated $710,061, compared to $888,652 in 2007.

It didn't help that the weather was bad for the four championship games at Heinz Field and half of the eight teams were from Beaver County, which limited the fan base.

Beaver County was represented by Monaca, Aliquippa, Beaver Falls and Blackhawk. Rounding out the championship field were Clairton, Thomas Jefferson, Bethel Park and Gateway.

The only major sport to bring in more money than it did in 2007 was wrestling, which went from $87,084 to $94,934.

Basketball dropped from $369,371 to $366,420, with soccer going from $135,028 to $112,415.

Swimming went up from $39.902 to $43,270, with track also showing a slight increase from $40,365 to $400,680.

Baseball dropped from $51,168 to $41,435, as did volleyball from $66,985 to $61,496 and softball from $30,865 to $24,844.

Counting all 16 sports, the WPIAL tournament revenue dropped from $1,740,438 in 2007 to $1,545,926 in 2008.

Speaking of the WPIAL, the Board of Control approved the transfers of two youngsters — Earl Pinkney and Chelsey Heath — to Monessen at Monday's monthly meeting.

■ The officials didn't miss a late call in Elizabeth Forward's narrow 10-9 football loss at home to West Mifflin in their Big 7 Conference opener. The penalty for the new horse-collar tackle rule is 15 yards, but not an automatic first down.

With the third-down play taking place at the West Mifflin 12-yard line, the Warriors' Josh Pomilio was tackled by the neck for a personal foul. It was a half-the-distance penalty to the Warriors' six-yard line, which was the correct call.

On the next play, the Warriors' Corey Sevcik threw an interception.

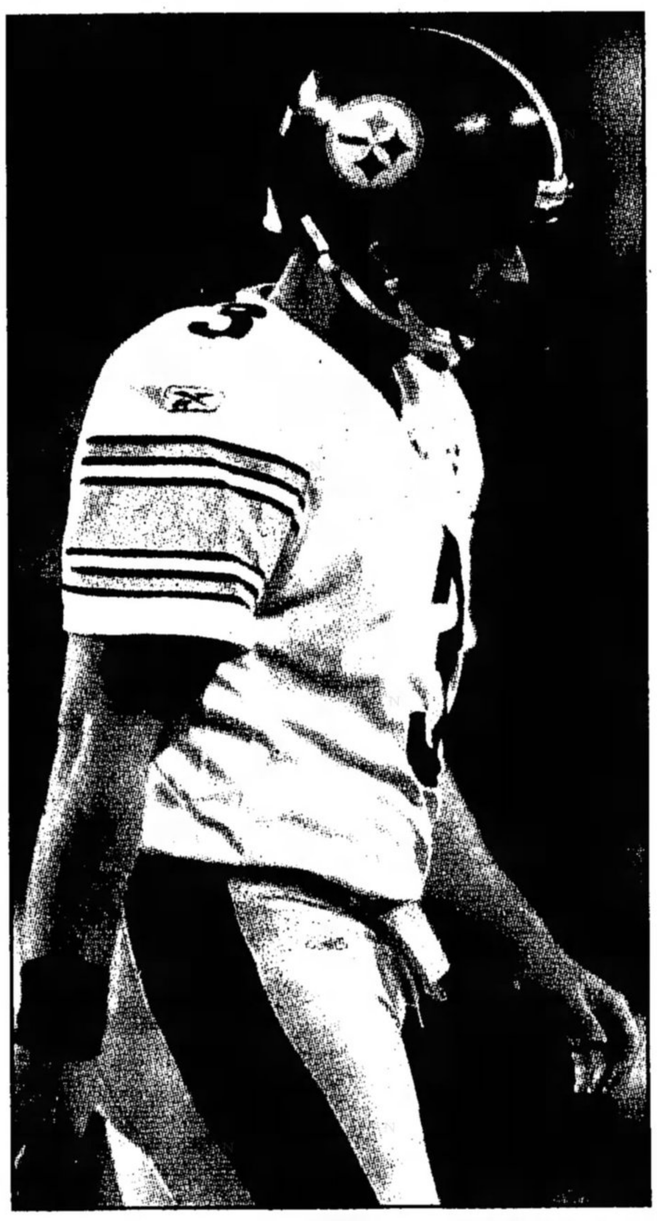
■ Gary Anderson — the Steelers' all-time leading scorer with 1,343 points — is among the players eligible for the first time for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Other nominees with ties to the Steelers as either a player, coach or administrator are Dermontti Dawson, Kevin Greene, Carnell Lake, Hardy Nickerson, Donnie Shell, Ken Anderson, Russ Grimm, Art Rooney Jr. and Buddy Parker.

Meanwhile, Steeler assistant coach Dick LeBeau has been named a finalist for election by the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Seniors Committee. I'd be shocked if LeBeau doesn't get honored in Canton next year.

■ And thanks to Bill Wiltz, of Charleroi, who says anyone who talks by the yard and thinks by the inch should be moved by the foot!

Reed takes blame for loss



Associated Press

Steelers kicker Jeff Reed walks off the field after missing a field goal in the fourth quarter Sunday.

Steelers kicker says he was "trying too hard" on two missed field goals.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers lose games because Ben Roethlisberger can't escape the pass rush. Or because their offense doesn't get off to a running start. Since 2002, however, they've never lost this way.

Jeff Reed, one of the most reliable kickers in NFL history, couldn't convert twice in the fourth quarter from what usually is can't-miss range for him.

Reed's first miss during the Steelers' 17-14 loss Sunday to the Chicago Bears, from 38 yards out, came after he appeared to slip on soggy, newly sodded turf installed after a U2 concert the weekend before had damaged part of Soldier Field's grass. It prevented the Steelers from take a 17-7 lead early in the fourth quarter of a game they were controlling.

How rare was that miss? The previous three seasons, in 39 attempts from inside 40 yards, Reed had failed only once.

His second miss, from 43 yards, came with 3:18 remaining and would have given the Steelers the lead. Instead, former Penn State kicker Robbie Gould won it for Chicago with a 44-yarder with 15 seconds remaining.

Two attempts, two misses — no excuses from Reed. The veteran has been more reliable over his eight-season career than kickers such as Adam Vinatieri, Jason Elam, Gary Anderson and Morten Andersen. And the Steelers took only their second loss in 12 games, counting the playoffs.

"I was trying too hard on both of them," Reed said. "That's what happens to a kicker when you hook them. I thought the first one was going to sneak in, but I didn't give the second one a chance. I'm just embarrassed because these guys fought their tails off to win the game."

Reed, 12th in NFL career field goal accuracy, hadn't missed twice since Sept. 26, 2004, when he was 2 for 4 during monsoon-like conditions hours after a hurricane passed through Miami. The Steelers won anyway, 13-3.

Twice in his career, Reed has had only two misses in a season — 2002 (17 of 19 after signing at midseason) and 2007 (23 of 25).

In 2003, he had a pair of games in which he missed twice. But the Steelers easily won one of those, beating Oakland 27-7, and the second came a week later against the Jets during a 6-0 loss played in blizzard-like conditions.

Reed had his typical start to this season as the Steelers beat the Titans 13-10 on Sept. 10, with Reed nailing a 33-yarder in overtime after tying it with a 32-yarder with 2:57 remaining in the fourth quarter.

"You can go from an all-time high of kicking a game-winner and then feeling at an all-time low coming up missing two," wide receiver Hines Ward said. "But we still have confidence in Jeff. There's no need for anybody to say anything to Jeff. Jeff knows what's expected of him."

Yes, and it wasn't this.

The two misses have gotten Reed off to a disappointing start in an important season for him. He is unsigned past this season and while Reed is young by kicker's standards at 30, the Steelers brought in a younger kicker, Piotr Czech, to compete with him during training camp. Czech was released during the final roster cuts, but was impressive during his time with Pittsburgh.

Sunday marked Reed's worst moment since, a few weeks after the Steelers won the Super Bowl on Feb. 1, he received a citation for bashing a convenient store restroom's towel-dispensing machine.

Steelers rookies parodied the incident during a training camp skit that drew considerable

(See STEELERS, Page 3B)

BVA's Tyber Lustig tops brother in golf qualifier

Senior survives ugly performance on 16th and 17th holes for 1-stroke win.

Last year, Belle Vernon Area's Bo Lustig edged his older brother, Tyber, by a stroke to win the WPIAL Division I Section 2 individual golf qualifier.

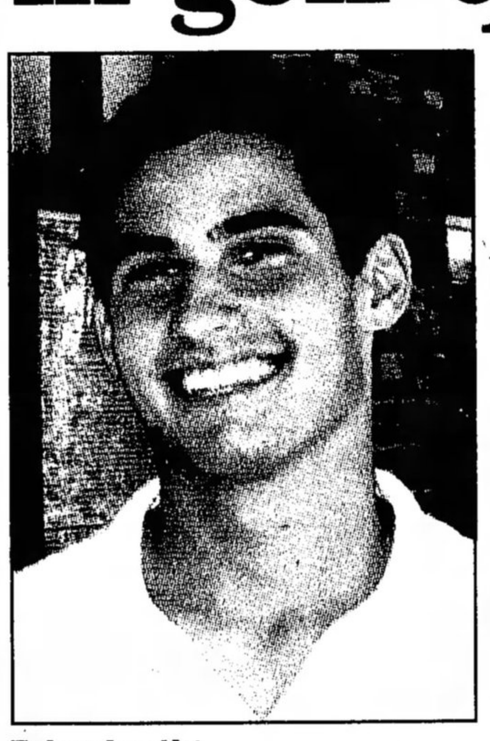
Monday it was the other way around.

Despite hitting two balls out of bounds and ballooning to a nine on the par four 16th hole, Tyber Lustig took medalist honors at Pleasant Valley Country Club with an eight-over par 79.

A senior, Lustig had five birdies on the first 15 holes before his nightmarish 16th hole followed by a double bogey seven on No. 17.

Bo Lustig, a junior, finished a stroke back to share second place with Connellsville's Johnny Leonard, who birdied the last two holes.

The only other golfers at Pleasant Valley to advance to next week's semifinals at Champion Lakes were seniors Mike Petrun of Albert Gallatin and Mike Yavorsky of Ringgold at 81 and 82, respectively.



Tyber Lustig

Two other BVA golfers, freshman Kirby Manown and sophomore Brad Manown, missed qualifying by two strokes with 84s.

Antal was the lone golfer in the field of 48 to break 40 on the back nine with a 39.

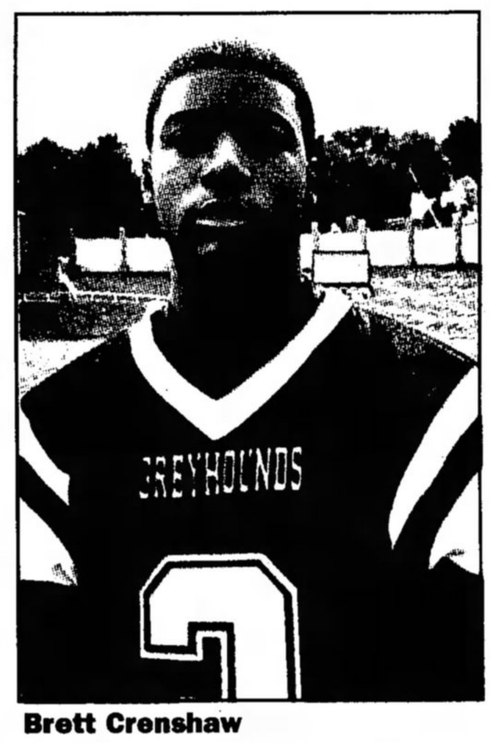
Elizabeth Forward's Tyler Tracy was the medalist in the Division I Section 6 tourney at Butler's Golf Course with a 69.

Teammate Chris Falibota tied for second at 73, a stroke ahead of another Warrior, Matt Albensi.

Also advancing for the Warriors were Jeremy Moeller and Dan Altavilla at 78 and 80, respectively.

Two Yough golfers — Willie Girkman and Alex Patricio — advanced in the Division I Section 1 event at Madison Golf Club with 76 and 80, respectively.

Four Bentworth golfers advanced in Division II, Section 2 at Pleasant Valley Country Club with Clay Roman second at 84, Ty Bell fourth at 87 and Garrett Damich and Kyle Kubovcik in a four-way tie for fifth.



Brett Crenshaw

Crenshaw Player of the Week

Monessen back has 198 yards against Mapletown.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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Brett Crenshaw's first varsity game at Memorial Stadium turned out to be memorable one.

Crenshaw gained 198 yards on 18 carries and closed the scoring with a 6-yard touchdown in Monessen's 40-12 romp over Mapletown in the Greyhounds' Tri-County South Conference opener.

With that showing Crenshaw is *The Valley Independent's* Player of the Week.

A 5-11, 179-pound junior, Crenshaw missed his sophomore campaign with an injury.

Crenshaw gained 112 of his yards in the second half highlighted by a 55-yard run.

Honorable mention:

■ Monessen's Trae Cook, who ran 14 and 18 yards for

(See PLAYER, Page 2B)

Lady Leps get share of first place

Kylee Heck, Marla Sasko each score twice in BVA's 10-0 win at Albert Gallatin.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

Thanks to Yough's 3-2 loss to Connellsville, Belle Vernon Area's Lady Leps are tied for first place in Class AAA Section 6 with Southmoreland.

The Lady Leps (5-2-1, 3-0-1) upped their winning streak to three with a 10-0 romp at Albert Gallatin Monday.

Kylee Heck and Marla Sasko each scored two goals for BVA with Michele Miele, Caitlin Pasternak, Lauren Seitzinger, Alexa. Henry, Lauren Kovalchuk and Jessalyn Timko getting the other scores.

"A lot of girls got substantial playing time tonight," said BVA coach Paul Sasko. "It was nice to spread the ball around and see some of the other girls score."

Lindsey Lash, Danielle Weight, and Caitlin Pasternak combined for BVA's third straight shutout.

BVA is at Uniontown Wednesday.

Upper St. Clair 3, Ringgold 1

"We lost to a very, very good team," said Ringgold coach Tom Cameron said. "Our team gave us everything and the score was not indicative of how hard our girls played."

Ringgold (3-5, 1-3) is at Trinity Wednesday.

Mt. Pleasant 10, Monessen 2

Chontae Turner and Natawsja Sosnak scored for the Lady Greyhounds (2-3-1, 0-2-1), who host Geibel Wednesday.

Elizabeth Forward 8, West Mifflin 0

The Lady Warriors rolled to their first Class AAA Section 5 win.

EF (2-5, 1-2) is at Upper St. Clair Wednesday.

South Fayette 5, Charleroi 0

The Lady Cougars went down to their fourth straight defeat in the Class AA Section 1 contest.

Charleroi (4-5, 1-3) hosts Chartiers-Houston Wednesday.

Soccer roundup

SPORTS

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	87	61	.588	—
Atlanta	80	70	.533	8
Florida	80	70	.533	8
New York	65	86	.430	23 1/2
Washington	51	98	.342	36 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	88	63	.583	—
Chicago	77	72	.517	10
Milwaukee	74	76	.493	13 1/2
Houston	70	80	.467	17 1/2
Cincinnati	69	81	.460	18 1/2
Pittsburgh	56	92	.378	30 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	90	60	.600	—
Colorado	85	65	.567	5
San Francisco	81	69	.540	9
San Diego	69	82	.457	21 1/2
Arizona	65	86	.430	25 1/2

Monday's Games

San Diego 11, Pittsburgh 6, 11 innings
Atlanta 11, N.Y. Mets 3
Chicago Cubs 10, Milwaukee 2
St. Louis 7, Houston 3
San Francisco 5, Arizona 4

Today's Games

Philadelphia (Blanton 10-7) at Florida (Jo.Johnson 15-4), 4:10 p.m., 1st game
Cincinnati (Cueto 9-10) at Pittsburgh (Duke 10-14), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 7-6) at Washington (Li.Hernandez 8-11), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Jurrjens 12-10) at N.Y. Mets (Figueroa 2-6), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Moyer 12-9) at Florida (A.Sanchez 2-7), 7:40 p.m., 2nd game
Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 10-9) at Milwaukee (Bush 5-7), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Pineiro 14-11) at Houston (Bazardo 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Mujica 3-4) at Colorado (De La Rosa 15-9), 8:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Cain 13-6) at Arizona (D.Davis 7-13), 9:40 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	95	56	.629	—
Boston	89	60	.597	5
Tampa Bay	77	73	.513	17 1/2
Toronto	67	83	.447	27 1/2
Baltimore	60	90	.400	34 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	79	70	.530	—
Minnesota	77	73	.513	2 1/2
Chicago	73	78	.483	7
Kansas City	62	88	.413	17 1/2
Cleveland	61	88	.409	18

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	90	60	.600	—
Texas	82	67	.550	7 1/2
Seattle	78	72	.520	12
Oakland	71	79	.473	19

Monday's Games

Toronto 9, Baltimore 2
Kansas City 12, Boston 9
Minnesota 7, Chicago White Sox 0
L.A. Angels 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Texas 10, Oakland 3

Today's Games

Detroit (E.Jackson 12-7) at Cleveland (Laffey 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Hendrickson 5-5) at Toronto (Tallet 7-9), 7:07 p.m.
Seattle (Rowland-Smith 4-3) at Tampa Bay (Niemann 12-6), 7:08 p.m.
Boston (P.Byrd 1-1) at Kansas City (Greinke 14-8), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Manship 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 12-9), 8:11 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Gaudin 1-0) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 7-8), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (McCarthy 7-3) at Oakland (Cahill 9-12), 10:05 p.m.

Pirates boxscore

SAN DIEGO	ab	r	h	bi	PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi
ECarer ss	6	1	1	0	AMcCt cf	4	0	2	2
Eckstn 2b	5	2	2	0	AnLRc 3b	6	0	1	0
AdGnzl 1b	5	2	1	2	GJones rf	4	1	1	1
Headly 3b	6	2	5	2	Doumit c	4	0	3	0
Venale rf	5	2	1	0	Bixler pr	0	0	0	0
OSalazr lf	6	1	2	3	SJcksn p	0	0	0	0
Hundly c	5	1	2	3	NWalkr ph	1	0	0	0
Gwynn cf	5	0	3	1	Karstns p	0	0	0	0
LeBlnc p	1	0	0	0	DBatst p	0	0	0	0
EdGnzl ph	1	0	0	0	Milledg lf	6	1	2	0
GBurke p	0	0	0	0	Pearce 1b	3	2	0	0
R.Webb p	0	0	0	0	DlwYn 2b	6	1	2	0
MAdms p	0	0	0	0	Cedeno ss	4	1	0	2
Durang ph	1	0	1	0	DMcCt p	2	0	0	0
Grgrsn p	0	0	0	0	Moss ph	1	0	0	0
Thtchr p	0	0	0	0	Dumtrt p	0	0	0	0
H.Bell p	0	0	0	0	JChavz p	0	0	0	0
Macias ph	1	0	0	0	RVazqz ph	1	0	0	0
Galighr p	0	0	0	0	Capps p	0	0	0	0
HBlanc ph	1	0	0	0	Jarmll ph-c	1	0	0	0
Russell p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	48	11	18	11	Totals	43	6	11	5

San Diego	201	000	030	05	—	11
Pittsburgh	100	001	031	00	—	6

E—E.Cabrera (17). DP—San Diego 1. LOB—San Diego 10, Pittsburgh 14. 2B—Headley 3 (31), O.Salazar (8), Hundley (13), A.McCutchen (23), Delw.Young (14). HR—Ad.Gonzalez (39), Headley (12), Hundley (7), G.Jones (20). S—Eckstein, LeBlanc, Cedeno. SF—Hundley.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
LeBlanc	5	5	1	1	3	5
G.Burke H,10	1-3	1	1	1	1	0
R.Webb H,4	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
M.Adams H,12	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gregerson	2-3	2	3	2	1	0
Thatcher H,7	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
H.Bell BS,6-45	1	2	1	1	1	0
Gallagher W,2-0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Russell	1	1	0	0	0	2
Pittsburgh						
D.McCutchen	6	8	3	3	1	0
Dumatrait	1	0	0	0	0	1
J.Chavez	1	4	3	3	0	0
Capps	1	1	0	0	0	1
S.Jackson	1	1	0	0	0	1
Karstens L,3-5	1-3	3	5	5	2	0
D.Bautista	2-3	1	0	0	0	1

WP—R.Webb, D.Bautista.
Umpires—Home, Paul Emmel; First, Scott Barry; Second, Gary Darling; Third, Bruce Dreckman.
T—3:58. A—12,566 (38,362).

Frontier League finals

Best of 5
Monday
Lake Erie 4, River City 1, Series tied 2-2
Wednesday
Lake Erie at River City, 8:05 p.m.

Joey Votto and the Cincinnati Reds will face the Pirates at 7:10 p.m. on Fox Sports.

Sports dial

Today
Television

7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Durham Bulls vs Memphis Redbirds, minor league baseball.
7:10 p.m. - Fox Sports - Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, baseball.
Radio
7 p.m. - WXDX (105.9 FM) - Pittsburgh at Toronto, hockey.
7:10 p.m. - WPGB(104.7 FM) - Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, baseball.
10:05 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - New York Yankees at Los Angeles Angels, baseball.

High school football

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	League W	L	Overall W	L
Thomas Jefferson	1	0	3	0
Chartiers Valley	1	0	3	0
West Mifflin	1	0	3	0
Ringgold	0	0	2	1
Belle Vernon Area	0	1	2	1
Elizabeth Forward	0	1	2	1
Trinity	0	1	0	3

Friday
Thomas Jefferson at Ringgold
Elizabeth Forward at Trinity
Chartiers Valley at West Mifflin
Greensburg Salem at BV Area

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Uniontown	1	0	2	1
Greensburg Salem	1	0	2	1
Laurel Highlands	1	0	1	2
Southmoreland	0	0	0	3
Albert Gallatin	0	1	1	2
Yough	0	1	0	3
Derry	0	1	0	3

Friday
Derry at Yough
Albert Gallatin at Uniontown
Laurel Highlands at S'moreland
Greensbug Salem at BV Area

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Jeannette	3	0	3	0
Mt. Pleasant	3	0	3	0
Greensburg Central	2	1	2	1
Charleroi	2	1	2	1
McGuffey	2	1	2	1
Waynesburg	1	2	1	2
Brownsville	1	2	1	2
Washington	1	2	1	2
South Allegheny	0	3	0	3
East Allegheny	0	3	0	3

Friday
South Allegheny at Charleroi
Brownsville at McGuffey
East Allegheny at Washington
Mt. Pleasant at Grb. Central
Waynesburg at Jeannette

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Jefferson-Morgan	1	0	3	0
California	1	0	2	1
Beth-Center	1	0	2	1
Monessen	1	0	1	2
Geibel	0	1	1	2
Carmichaels	0	1	0	3
West Greene	0	1	0	3
Mapletown	0	1	0	3

Friday
Monessen at West Greene
Carmichaels at Mapletown
Jefferson-Morgan at Beth-Center
Saturday
California at Geibel (Noon)

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Fort Cherry	1	0	3	0
Chartiers-Houston	1	0	3	0
Serra	1	0	3	0
Clairton	1	0	2	1
Bentworth	0	1	1	2
Avella	0	1	1	2
Frazier	0	1	1	2
Burgettstown	0	1	1	2

Friday
Clairton at Bentworth
Avella at Frazier
Fort Cherry at Serra
Burgettstown at C-Houston

WNBA playoffs

Monday's Games
Phoenix 100, San Antonio 92, Phoenix wins series 2-1
SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-3)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Wednesday
Indiana at Detroit, TBD
Friday
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Wednesday
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Friday
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
x-Saturday
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
x-if necessary

Latest Line

BEST BET: Seattle is 20-44 its last 64 games as a road underdog and just 2-7 its last 9 games following an off day. Tampa Bay is 104-46 its last 150 home games. The Rays are also a solid 38-16 their last 54 games as a home favorite and 7-0 in Jeff Niemann's last 7 starts as a home favorite. Take Tampa Bay over Seattle for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Odds		Underdog
Sunday, Sept 27			
Week Three			
NY JETS	2	(37)	Tennessee
HOUSTON	4	(47)	Jacksonville
PHILADELPHIA	9	(42)	Kansas City
BALTIMORE	13 1/2	(39)	Cleveland
NY Giants	7	(44)	TAMPA BAY
Washington	6 1/2	(38)	DETROIT
Green Bay	6 1/2	(42)	ST. LOUIS
MINNESOTA	7	(41)	San Fran
N. ENGLAND	4 1/2	(44)	Atlanta
Chicago	2	(37)	SEATTLE
New Orleans	5 1/2	(52)	BUFFALO
SAN DIEGO	6 1/2	(43)	Miami
Pittsburgh	4 1/2	(37)	CINCINNATI
OAKLAND	2	(36)	Denver
Indianapolis	2	(47)	ARIZONA
Monday, Sept 28			
DALLAS	9	(46)	Carolina

College Football

Favorite	Odds		Underdog
Thursday, Sept 24			
Mississippi	3		S. CAROLINA
Friday, Sept 25			
Missouri	7 1/2		NEVADA
Saturday, Sept 26			
Wake Forest	2		BOS. COLLEGE
OHIO ST	14		Illinois
N'WESTERN	2 1/2		Minnesota
MICHIGAN	20 1/2		Indiana
TEMPLE	2 1/2		Buffalo
WISCONSIN	2 1/2		Michigan St
CLEMSON	3		Tcu
Rutgers	3		MARYLAND
Boise St	17		BOWLING GREEN
TENNESSEE	21		Ohio
E. CAROLINA	10		Central Florida
CINCINNATI	16 1/2		Fresno St
C. MICHIGAN	16 1/2		Akron
Lsu	13 1/2		MISSISSIPPI ST
IOWA ST	10		Army
MEMPHIS	3 1/2		Marshall
TEXAS A&M	15		Ala-Birmingham
KANSAS	13		Southern Miss
AIR FORCE	16		San Diego St
Vanderbilt	8		RICE
AUBURN	31		Ball St
Univ	5 1/2		WYOMING
ALABAMA	15		Arkansas
Florida	22		KENTUCKY
GEORGIA	12 1/2		Arizona St
California	7		OREGON
FLORIDA ST	14 1/2		South Florida
GA TECH	2 1/2		North Carolina
N. ILLINOIS	16		Idaho
BYU	15		Colorado St
N. CAROLINA ST	1		Pittsburgh
STANFORD	7		Washington
KENT ST	9		Miami-Ohio
UTAH	12 1/2		Louisville
Miami-Florida	2		VIRGINIA TECH
Notre Dame	8		PURDUE
TEXAS	34		Texas El Paso
PENN ST	10		Iowa
HOUSTON	1		Texas Tech
NEW MEXICO	9 1/2		New Mexico St
SO. CAL	44		Washington St
Arizona	1		OREGON ST
FLA ATLANTIC	4 1/2		UL-Monroe
NEBRASKA	26		UL-Lafayette
NAVY	28 1/2		W. Kentucky
ARKANSAS ST	1 1/2		Troy
Middle Tn St	6 1/2		NORTH TEXAS
Toledo	1		FLA INTER.

Baseball

Favorite	Odds		Underdog
National League			
PITTSBURGH	Even-6		Cincinnati
LA Dodgers	8 1/2-9	1/2	WASH.
Atlanta	7 1/2-8	1/2	NY METS
FLORIDA (1)	6-7		Philadelphia
FLORIDA (2)	Even-6		Philadelphia
MILWAUKEE	Even-6		Chicago Cubs
St. Louis	7-8		HOUSTON
COLORADO	10-11		San Diego
San Francisco	6-7		ARIZONA
American League			
TAMPA BAY	5 1/2-6	1/2	Seattle
TORONTO	5 1/2-6	1/2	Baltimore
Detroit	5 1/2-6	1/2	CLEVE.
CHICAGO	7-8		Minnesota
KANSAS CITY	6 1/2-7	1/2	Boston
LA ANGELS	Even-6		NY Yankees
OAKLAND	5 1/2-6	1/2	Texas

Sports moves

BASEBALL
National League
BOSTON RED SOX—Placed RHP Junichi Tazawa on the 60-day DL. Purchased the contract of INF Chris Woodward from Pawtucket (IL).
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Activated OF Reed Johnson from the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of OF Tyler Colvin from Tennessee (SL). Designated RHP Thomas Diamond for assignment.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Fired manager Cecil Cooper. Named third-base coach Dave Clark interim manager.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed CB William Middleton off Atlanta's practice squad and S Courtney Greene. Released TE Greg Estandia and WR Nate Hughes. Waived S Michael Desormeaux from the practice squad. Signed LB Justin Roland to the practice squad.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended N.Y. Islanders F Pascal Morency for the remainder of the preseason and five regular-season games for as the result of a game misconduct penalty in a preseason game against Calgary on Sept. 17.
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Assigned D Brian Salcido to Manitoba (AHL).

Penguins summary

Pittsburgh	0	2	1	–	3
Montreal	1	0	3	–	4

First Period-1, Montreal, Gionta 2 (Spacek, Markov), 18:12.
Second Period-2, Pittsburgh, Gonchar 1 (Orpik, Adams), 3:27. 3, Pittsburgh, Malkin 2 (Lovejoy), 7:28.
Third Period-4, Montreal, Gomez 2 (Gionta), 1:40 (sh). 5, Montreal, Latendresse 1 (Lapierre, A.Kostitsyn), 7:22. 6, Montreal, Gionta 3 (Cammalleri, Markov), 9:47. 7, Pittsburgh, Guerin 1 (Letang), 16:46 (pp).
Shots on Goal-Pittsburgh 14-8-9-31. Montreal 13-6-9-28.
Goalies-Pittsburgh, Curry. Montreal, Price. A-21,273 (21,273).

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Canon-McMillan	2	0	0	6	0	0
Peters Township	2	0	0	3	1	1
Upper St. Clair	1	1	0	4	1	1
Moon	1	1	0	2	2	1
Ringgold	0	2	0	5	2	0
Trinity	0	2	0	2	6	0

Today
Ringgold at Moon
Trinity at Peters Township
Upper St. Clair at C-McMillan

Class AA
Section 3

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
South Park	4	0	0	5	1	0
Belle Vernon Area	3	0	1	6	1	1
S'moreland	3	1	0	3	3	0
Thomas Jefferson	2	1	1	3	3	1
Elizabeth Forward	1	3	0	3	5	0
Steel Valley	1	3	0	2	4	0
Uniontown	1	3	0	1	5	0
Yough	0	4	0	0	4	0

Monday
West Mifflin 4, Elizabeth Forward 3
Today
BV Area at S'moreland
Elizabeth Forward at Uniontown
South Park at Yough
Steel Valley at T. Jefferson

Class A
Section 1

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Grb. Central	4	0	0	4	1	0
Serra	3	1	0	5	1	0
Winchester Thurs.	2	2	1	2	2	1
Geibel	2	2	0	4	2	0
Trinity Christian	2	2	0	3	2	0
California	1	2	1	3	4	1
South Allegheny	1	3	0	1	4	0
Brownsville	0	4	0	0	6	0

Today
Gbg. Central at Winchester Thurston
South Allegheny at California
Serra at Geibel
Brownsville at Trinity Christian

Section 4

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Carlynton	3	0	0	5	1	0
Bentworth	3	1	0	3	4	0
Charleroi	2	1	0	5	2	0
Monessen	2	2	0	4	3	0
C-Houston	2	2	0	2	5	1
Beth-Center	0	3	0	3	3	0
Brentwood	0	3	0	1	3	0

Monday
Beth-Center 5, Brownsville 0
Today
Monessen at Carlynton
Charleroi at Beth-Center
Brentwood at C-Houston
Bentworth at Avonworth

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Mt. Lebanon	4	0	0	5	1	0
Upper St. Clair	3	0	0	3	2	0
Canon-McMillan	2	1	0	5	3	0
Trinity	1	2	0	3	3	0
Elizabeth Forward	1	2	0	2	5	0
Ringgold	1	3	0	3	5	0
West Mifflin	0	4	0	1	6	0

Monday
Upper St. Clair 3, Ringgold 1
Mt. Lebanon 3, C-McMillan 2
Elizabeth Forward 8, West Mifflin 0

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
S'moreland	3	0	1	3	1	1
Belle Vernon Area	3	0	1	5	2	1
Yough	3	1	0	4	2	0
Connellsville	3	1	0	4	4	0
Waynesburg	2	2	0	3	4	0
Uniontown	1	3	0	2	4	0
Laurel Highlands	0	4	0	1	6	0
Albert Gallatin	0	4	0	0	6	0

Monday
BV Area 10, Albert Gallatin 0
Connellsville 3, Yough 2
S'moreland 6, Laurel Highlands 1
Waynesburg 5, Uniontown 3
Today
Yough at Jeannette

Class AA
Section 1

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
South Park	4	0	0	6	1	0
McGuffey	3	0	0	4	2	0
South Fayette	3	0	0	4	1	1
Charleroi	1	3	0	4	5	0
Bentworth	1	3	0	3	4	0
Beth-Center	0	3	0	2	4	0
C-Houston	0	3	0	0	7	0

Monday
South Fayette 5, Charleroi 0
Bentworth 3, C-Houston 0
South Park 10, Beth-Center 0
Montour 3, McGuffey 0

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Geibel	3	0	0	5	2	0
Jeannette	2	0	1	3	1	2
Mt. Pleasant	3	1	0	5	2	0
Grb. Central	2	1	0	6	2	1
St. Joseph	1	3	0	2	5	0
Monessen	0	2	1	2	3	1
East Allegheny	0	4	0	1	4	0

Monday
Mt. Pleasant 10, Monessen 2
Grb. Central 8, East Allegheny 0
Geibel 2, St. Joseph 1

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	11	4	10	43	38	28
Chicago	10	6	10	40	36	31
D.C.	8	6	12	36	39	38
New England	9	8	7	34	29	33
Toronto FC	9	10	7	34	33	38
Kansas City	8	11	6	30	28	34
New York	4	17	5	17	21	43

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	12	8	7	43	35	26
Los Angeles	10	5	11	41	33	29
Seattle	9	6	11	38	31	24
Colorado	10	8	7	37	39	31
Chivas USA	11	9	4	37	25	24
Real SaltLake	9	10	7	34	38	31
FC Dallas	7	12	6	27	41	43
San Jose	5	12	6	21	28	41

Wednesday, September 23
San Jose at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 26
Seattle FC at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	2	0	0	1.000	40	16
New England	1	1	0	.500	34	40
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	57	45
Miami	0	2	0	.000	30	46

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	2	0	0	1.000	41	35
Houston	1	1	0	.500	41	55
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	29	45
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	41	47

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	69	50
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	27	27
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	38	36
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	26	61

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	39	13
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	50	51
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	33	34
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	34	51

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	0	0	1.000	56	48
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	65	54
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	60	58
Washington	1	1	0	.500	26	30

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	2	0	0	1.000	47	27
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	93	49
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	30	66
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	41	67

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	61	33
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	45	46
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	32	35
Detroit	0	2	0	.000	40	72

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	43	26
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	38	23
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	47	37
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000	7	37

Monday's Game
Indianapolis 27, Miami 23
Sunday, Sept. 27
Washington at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at New England, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Buffalo, 4:05 p.m.
Miami at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Arizona, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 28
Carolina at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Area golf

WPIAL Section Qualifiers
Division I
Section 2
At Pleasant Valley County Club

Tyber Lustig, BVA	79
Bo Lustig, BVA	80
Johnny Leonard, C'ville	80
Mike Petrun, AG	81
Mike Yavorsky, Ring	82

Section 6
At Butler's Golf Club

Tyler Tracy, EF	69
Brett Cox, Baldwin	73
Chris Falibota,EF	73
Matt Albensi, EF	74
Evan Sommer, SP	75
Dave Kucenic, SP	76
Chad Yogan, WM	77
Jeremy Moeller, EF	78
Grant Newton, TJ	79
Dan Sabol, TJ	79
Nick Ruzzi, SP	79
Dan Altavilla, EF	80

Division II
Section 2
At Pleasant Valley Country Club

Mike Noonan, Geibel	82
Clay Roman, Bent	84
Steve Janik, Grb. Central	84
Ty Bell, Bent	87
Garrett Damich, Bent	88
Kyle Kubovcik, Bent	88
Kevin Hickey, Grb. Central	88
Jason Chang, Grb. Central	88

Gionta leads Montreal past Pens

Gonchar, Malkin and Guerin picked up the goals for Pittsburgh.

MONTREAL (AP) — Brian Gionta had two goals and an assist to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 4-3 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday night.

Gionta, who scored late in the first, set up Scott Gomez's shorthanded goal early in the third to draw Montreal even at 2.

Guillaume Latendresse put the Canadiens ahead 3-2 with his first goal at 7:22.

Gionta made it a two-goal lead with his second goal of the game at 9:47 when he put Mike Cammalleri's return pass beyond John Curry from the slot.

Carey Price made 28 saves as Montreal improved to 3-2.

Sergei Gonchar, Evgeni Malkin and Bill Guerin scored for Pittsburgh, which fell to 1-2.

Curry stopped 24 shots.

Gomez finished off Gionta's return pass 1:40 into the third to tie it at 2 while the Canadiens were killing Jaroslav Spacek's double-minor for high sticking Sidney Crosby late in the second.

Latendresse backhanded a Maxim Latendresse rebound past Curry to put Montreal ahead at 7:22, and Gionta got his second of the game 2:25 later to make it a two-goal lead.

Gionta was credited with five shots in the opening period, including four in quick succession that led to his second preseason goal. He took three whacks in a row from the edge of the crease before pushing home a rebound of Spacek's slap shot from the right point.

Gonchar got credit for his first preseason goal 3:27 into the second when his point shot through traffic was redirected past Price.

Malkin, the league's leading scorer last season in both the regular season and playoffs, got his first goal at 7:28 when he took Ben Lovejoy's cross-ice pass and beat Price with a shot inside the left post.

Guerin scored at 16:46 of the third to draw Pittsburgh within one.

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SPORTS

Manning does just enough for victory

Dolphins control the game, but can't stop Colts' rally.

MIAMI (AP) — Peyton Manning stood on the sideline, arms folded, glancing occasionally at the scoreboard to see the time ticking off.

But the Miami Dolphins could play keepaway for only so long. When Manning eventually made his way onto the field, the Dolphins couldn't stop him.

Manning had the ball for less than 15 minutes but made the most of his chances, helping the Indianapolis Colts come from behind four times to beat Miami 27-23 Monday night.

Manning broke Johnny Unitas' franchise record for victories by a quarterback, and the latest win ranked with the oddest.

The Dolphins were 15 for 21 on third-down conversions and 1 for 1 on fourth down. Their lone turnover came on the final play, they punted only once and they controlled the ball for a team-record 45 minutes.

They had to wonder how they lost. The answer: Manning.

"To have as few plays as he did and to do what he did, you just don't see that," Miami quarterback Chad Pennington said.

Manning took only three snaps in the third quarter and had just three possessions in the second half. Watching most of the night from the bench, he knew he would need to make the most of his opportunities.

"I hate to say, but we have done it before a few times," he said. "We just kind of stay loose over there."

Manning threw an 80-yard touchdown pass to Dallas Clark on the first play from scrimmage, and hit Pierre Garcon for a 48-yard score with 3:18 left for the game's final points.

"It was about being efficient when it counted, in the fourth quarter," Manning said. "That's really what the game's about."

He took a little sheen off the Dolphins' glitzy home opener. They rolled out an orange carpet for the pregame arrival of new owner Stephen Ross' celebrity partners, and the crowd included Serena and Venus Williams, Marc Anthony and Jennifer Lopez, Jimmy Buffett and Colts rooter Tiger Woods.

But Manning was the big star. He finished 14 for 23 for 303 yards, and the Colts improved to 2-0. The Dolphins fell to 0-2 even though they had 239 yards rushing, including 107 with the wildcat.

"Nobody is world champion after two weeks," Miami linebacker Joey Porter said, "but we're not good enough to give games away."

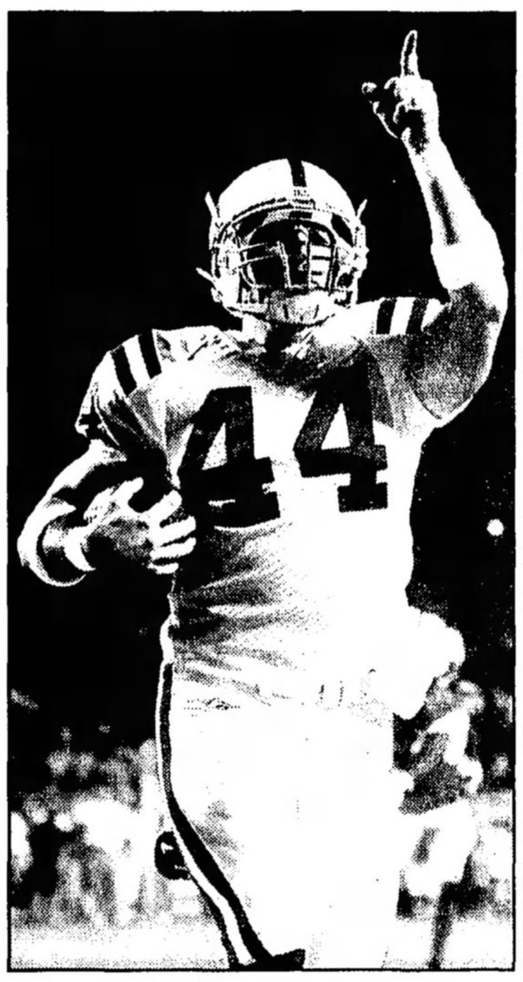
The Colts had the ball for only 14:53, the lowest time of possession for a winning team in the NFL since 1977. They ran 35 plays to 84 for the Dolphins.

"It's really disheartening," Miami coach Tony Sparano said. "That's exactly the formula to beat that team."

Indy trailed 10-7, 13-10 and 20-13, but each time pulled even. Down 23-20 after Miami scored with 3:50 left, the Colts rallied one more time with a big play by Garcon.

After completions of 15 and 17 yards, Manning burned a blitz by hitting Garcon with a short pass on the right side. Garcon cut to the middle, then broke back toward the corner of the end zone for his first career touchdown.

"It was a call trying to move the chains, but it was the right call on the right occasion," Manning said.



Associated Press

Colts tight end Dallas Clark celebrates his first-quarter touchdown Monday night.

Headley's five hits lead Padres past Pirates

San Diego captures series finale with 5-run 11th inning.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Chase Headley's big night made sure the San Diego Padres found a way to win a game they almost let get away.

Headley's career-high fifth hit drove in the go-ahead run in the 11th inning and the Padres won their third straight over the Pittsburgh Pirates, 11-6 on Monday night.

Headley hit a line drive into the right-field corner off Jeff Karstens (3-5) for his third double of the game that drove in Everth Cabrera and led the Padres, who saw their bullpen blow a 6-2 lead in the eighth inning, win for the eighth time in 12 games.

"This would have been a tough one to lose," said Headley, who went 5 for 6 with two runs and two RBIs. "I give a lot of credit to the guys on the bench. Everybody came back into the dugout (after the Pirates tied it in the ninth) and kept a good attitude and kept fighting."

Headley hit his 12th homer, and Adrian Gonzalez and Nick Hundley also hit home runs for San Diego, which has won 12 of its past 16 series.

Oscar Salazar added a two-run double, Hundley a sacrifice fly and Tony Gwynn a run-scoring single later in the 11th.

Salazar and Hundley both had three RBIs and Wade LeBlanc turned in his fourth straight strong start for the Padres.

Sean Gallagher (2-0) earned the win with a scoreless 10th.

Rookie Garrett Jones hit his 20th home run for last-place Pittsburgh, which has lost 20 of 23 and needs to go 7-7 the remainder of the season to avoid 100 losses for the third time in the past 55 years.

The Pirates tied the game in the ninth on Ronny Cedeno's groundout off Heath Bell, who failed to earn his league-leading 40th save by blowing his sixth opportunity of the season. He did get out of a bases-loaded, no-outs situation only allowing one run.

"That was as big a part of the game as anything, him saving those runs," Padres manager Bud Black said.

The Pirates had a potential winning run on second with one out in the 10th but pinch-hitter Neil Walker grounded into a double play.

"We were one hit away from winning the game; it seemed like we just couldn't get that one hit," Pittsburgh manager John Russell said. "We've got to find a way. They found a way, and we didn't."

Andrew McCutchen's two-run double highlighted a three-run eighth for the Pirates off Luke Gregerson, the first time he had been scored on in 18 innings — the longest active streak in the majors and the longest by a Padre this season.

Gonzalez hit a two-run homer, his career-high 39th, to right-center in the first off Daniel McCutchen.

"I missed bad with a pitch to the one guy you don't want to let beat you in that lineup," McCutchen said.

Steelers (FROM PAGE ONE)

laughter from the team's veterans.

That was an embarrassment of a different sort for Reed. This was business, and the second-leading scorer to Anderson in team history isn't accustomed to missing important kicks. Reed has made his last 14 attempts in the postseason; overall, he is 164 of 200 (82 percent) during the regular season.

"I have all the confidence in the world that, next week, he could kick a game-winner," Roethlisberger said. "We're not down on him one bit."

That next game — Sunday at Cincinnati (1-1) — already looks more important for the Steelers (1-1) than it did when the season began. The Steelers have won their last five and 9 of 11 against Cincinnati, but the Bengals won 31-24 on Sunday at Green Bay, which beat Chicago the week before.

The Bengals have outrushed the Steelers 237-141 — Cincinnati is 11th in rushing, Pittsburgh is 27th — and the Steelers will again be without All-Pro safety Troy Polamalu (knee).

The Bears frequently targeted replacement Tyrone Carter, who was in coverage on both of Jay Cutler's touchdown passes. Carter has a left thigh injury and his status is uncertain.

SPORTS DIGEST

Elizabeth Forward loses to West Mifflin

The Elizabeth Forward boys' soccer team visits Uniontown tonight after losing 4-3 to West Mifflin Monday.

Tyler Abels scored two goals for the Warriors (3-5) with Nick Ragan getting the other goal.

"We didn't play very well again." said EF coach Dave King. "We had a few chances to score late but couldn't do it."

BVA QB Club meeting today

The Belle Vernon Area Quarterback Club will meet today at 7 p.m. at the Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department's Social Room.

Film of the Leps' game with Chartiers Valley will be shown.

BV Area booters down Ringgold

Kelsy Lawson and Hayden Pascoe each scored four goals in Belle Vernon Area Middle School's 8-0 soccer win over Ringgold.

BV Area cagers sweep Yough

Belle Vernon Area's two middle school basketball team swept Yough.

The eighth graders (4-1, 3-0) were a 42-14 winner with Megan Staley (14) and Angela Sullivan (11) combining for 25 points.

The seventh graders (2-0) won 41-13 with Meaghan Murphy (9), Bri Rathway (8) and Kaitlin Thomas (8) leading the way.

French Club golf finals Saturday

It will be regular season champions Derek Zdravecky and Jim McBeth against Jason Oliver and Mark Frolo in the championship for the Monessen French Club Golf League.

The league will hold its team and individual championship tournament Saturday morning on the Gold Course at Cedarbrook.

Not only will the league's team champions be determined in the 18-hole tournament, but also individual champions in the three flights, Jim Barker Flight (first), Anthony "Pivots" Galante Flight (second) and Tony Bisceglia Flight (third).

After the tournament, members will enjoy an awards banquet at the club and will elect new officers for 2010.

NCAA tournament returning to Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The under-construction Consol Energy Center in Pittsburgh will be the site for first- and second-round NCAA men's basketball tournament games on March 15 and 17, 2012.

The Pittsburgh Penguins' new arena is scheduled to open for the 2010-11 NHL season.

Duquesne University will be the host school in 2012, as it was when NCAA men's tournament games were played before sellout crowds at Mellon Arena, formerly the Civic Arena, in 1997 and 2002. The NCAA East women's regional was played at Mellon Arena in 2001.

In 1997, 15th-seeded Coppin State upset second-seeded South Carolina in one of the biggest upsets in tournament history. In 2002, when Pitt stayed at home to play in the NCAA tournament for the first time, UCLA beat first-seeded Cincinnati 105-101 in double overtime in a second-round game.

The 2012 Final Four will be played in New Orleans. Other early round sites are Albuquerque, N.M.; Louisville, Ky., Portland, Ore.; Columbus, Ohio; Greensboro, N.C.; Nashville, Tenn.; and Omaha, Neb. Regional sites are Boston, Phoenix, Atlanta and St. Louis.

As the host school, Duquesne cannot play in Pittsburgh even if it makes the NCAA field. Pitt or Robert Morris would be eligible only if that team played three games or fewer at Consol Energy Center that season.

Trivia answer

Ringgold's Matt Humbert for Laurel Highlands.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

The Cincinnati Reds reported outfielder Ken Griffey of Donora was progressing satisfactorily a month after knee surgery.

The Houston Astros gave manager Bill Virdon a contract extension.

20 Years Ago

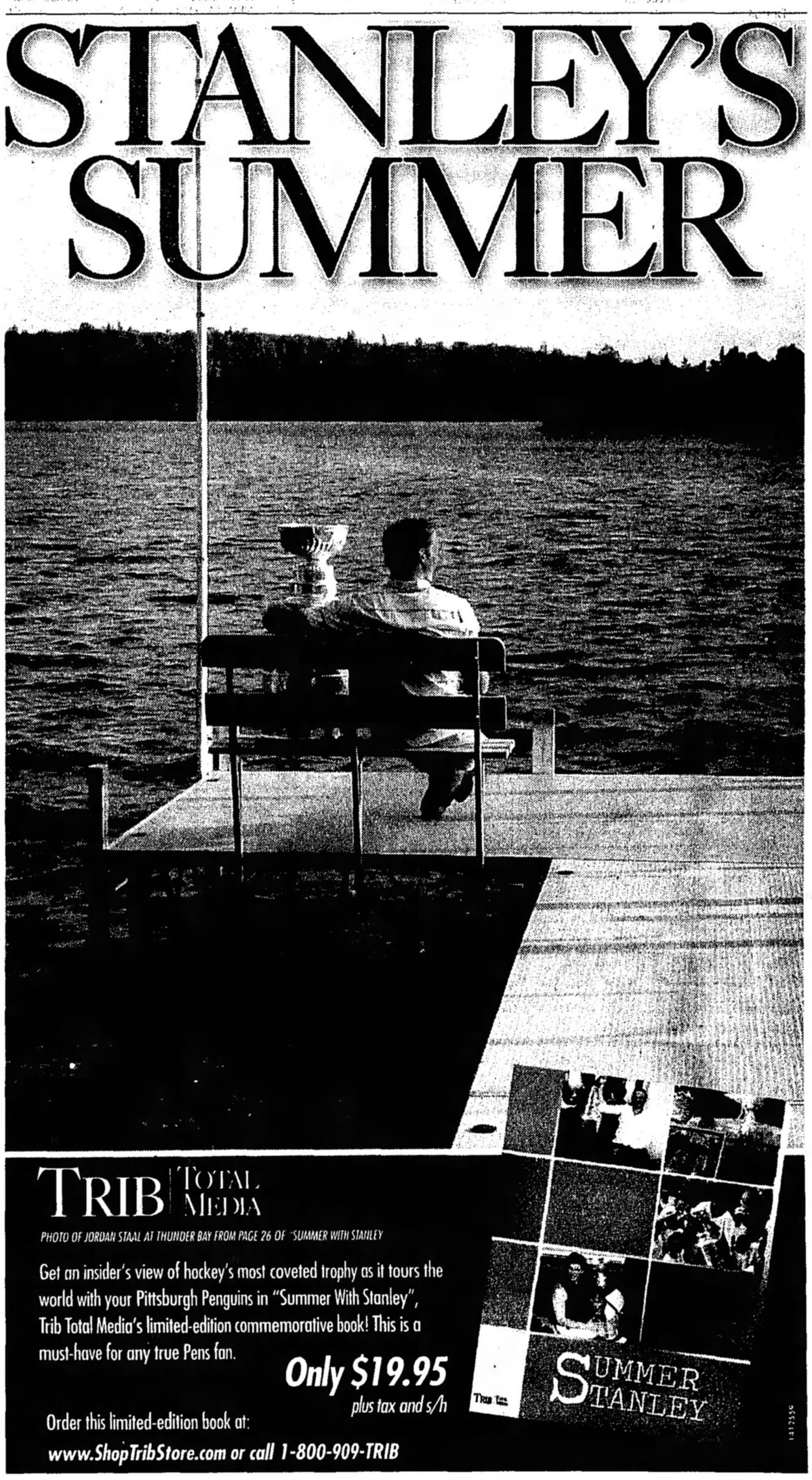
Charlie Wasson and Jason Ruttenberg scored goals in Ringgold's 2-1 win over Elizabeth Forward.

Mike Posey had three goals in Belle Vernon Area's 5-0 win over Beth-Center.

10 Years Ago

Rob Maglicic and Ryan Marsich both had two first half goals in Charleroi's 7-0 romp over Brownsville.

Dave Seydor had three goals in Belle Vernon Area's 4-0 win over Derry.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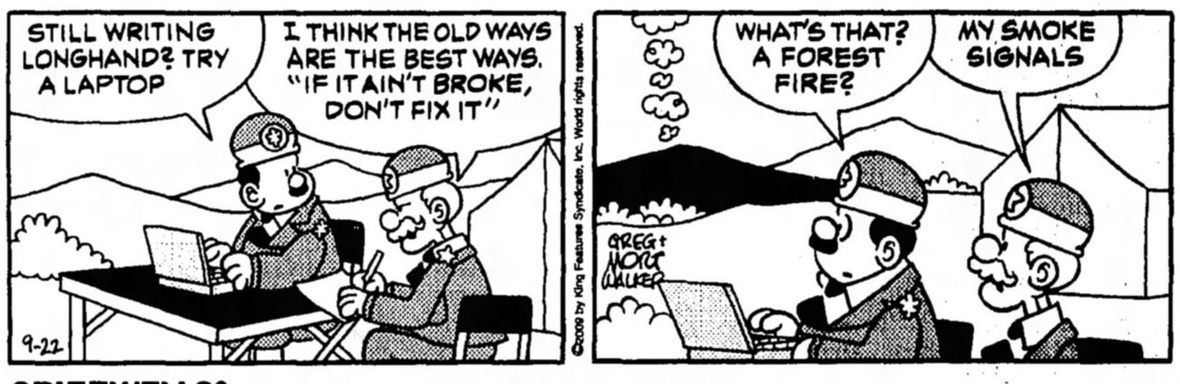
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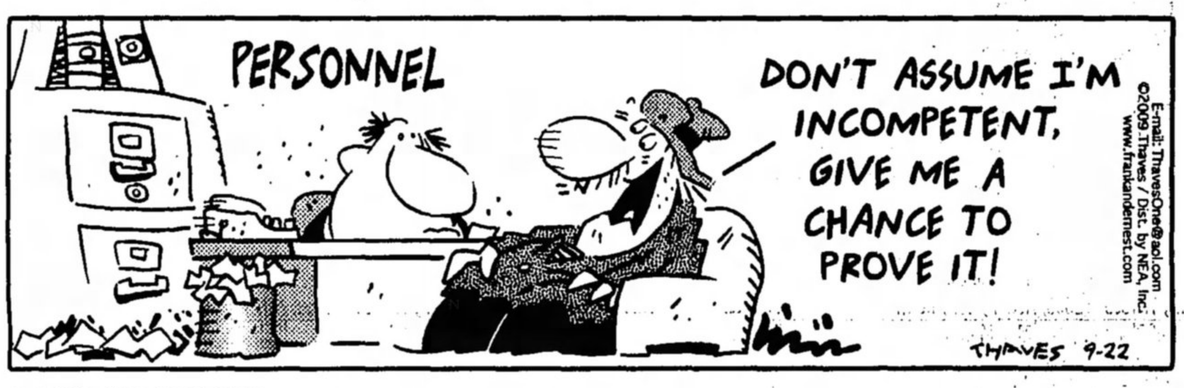
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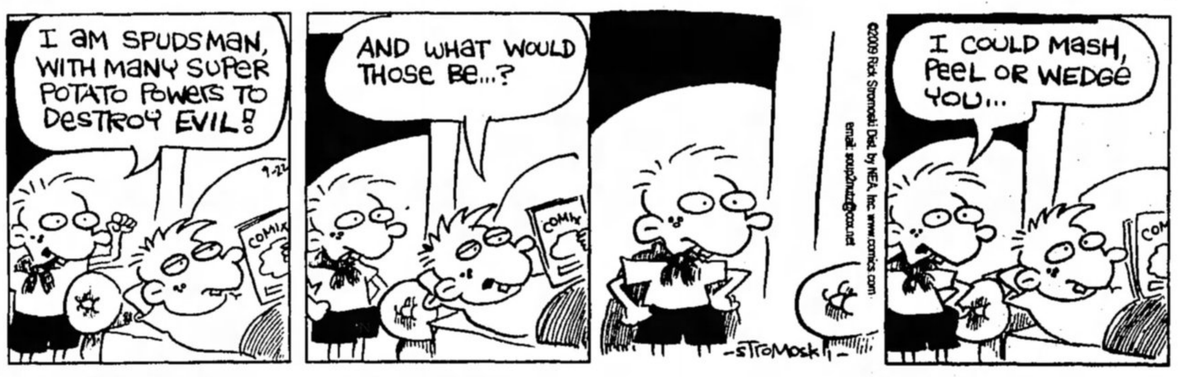
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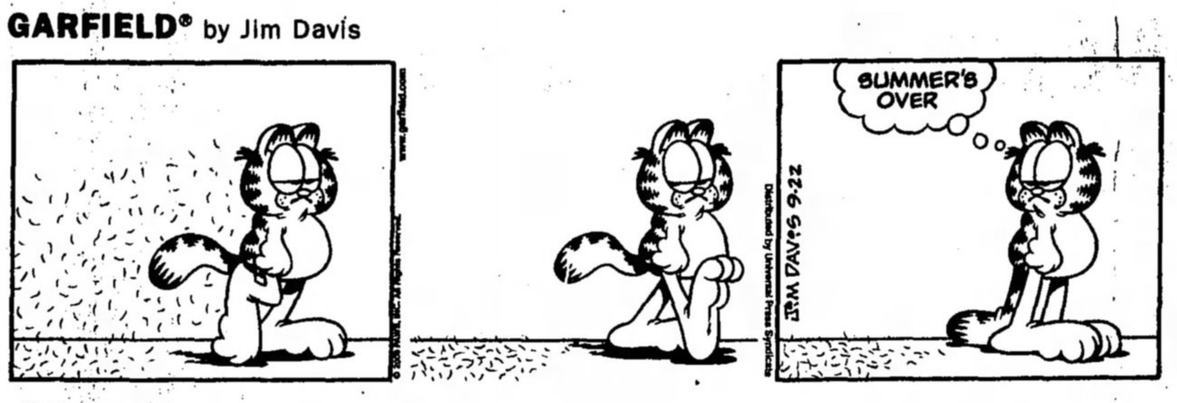

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THERE'S THIS LITTLE GIRL AT SCHOOL WHO LIKES ME, BUT I DON'T LIKE HER
THERE'S ANOTHER GIRL AND I LIKE HER, BUT SHE DOESN'T LIKE ME
I'LL SURE BE GLAD WHEN I GROW UP AND ALL THIS GETS STRAIGHTENED OUT, MR.B
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KIT'N' CARLYLE® by Larry Wright

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...THIS SEEMS TO BE A MORE RELIABLE PLACE TO WAIT FOR FOOD THAN UNDER THE DINING ROOM TABLE...
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

"This is the last day I'll be five. Time sure flies when you're havin' fun."

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green

				6				
	7						2	
9			2		4			5
	2	9		7		1	3	
5			6	9	1			2
	1	6		8		9	5	
6			9		7			3
	3						1	
				3				

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Answer to previous puzzle

2	8	9	7	4	6	5	1	3
5	4	1	3	9	2	6	8	7
6	3	7	1	8	5	9	4	2
9	7	6	4	2	3	1	5	8
4	1	8	9	5	7	2	3	6
3	5	2	8	6	1	7	9	4
1	9	3	6	7	4	8	2	5
7	2	4	5	1	8	3	6	9
8	6	5	2	3	9	4	7	1

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THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT CrossWord Puzzle

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

Last Down Clue is 54

ACROSS

1 Semi radios
4 Hunt for
8 Not her
11 Distinct period
12 Story
13 Luau entertainment
14 Teddies, e.g.
16 Get introduced
17 Hungry ones
18 Durocher or Tolstoy
20 Shore up
21 Hairy twin
24 Ferocious bear
28 Truck mfr.
30 Thus
33 W-2 collectors
34 Blank spaces
35 Natural elevs.
36 Contented sigh
37 — Major
38 Jellyfish habitat
39 Open a letter
41 Antler bearer
43 Peruvian animal
47 Univ. degree
49 Did garden work
50 They give a hoot
53 Tie breaker
55 Chenille item
56 Gave temporarily
57 Dinny's rider
58 — Moines, Iowa
59 Authorizes
60 Droop-nosed flier

DOWN

1 "People" person
2 Thorn
3 — Ana winds
4 Dorm room staple
5 Maize units
6 Yale alumnus
7 Faint, with "over"
8 Color
9 Henri's island
10 Wrestler's pad
13 Med. plans
15 Sticky-footed lizards
19 Cartoon shriek
22 Food additive
23 Strike callers
25 Ape studier — Fossey
26 S&L offerings
27 Late tennis great
29 1860s initials
30 German river
31 66 and I-80
32 Troublesome bug
34 Throat
39 Yech!
40 Tips off
42 Altar area
44 Baja bye
45 Reminders
46 Skillful
48 Cutie-pie
49 Shoved off
50 California fort
51 Sorrow
52 UPS units
54 Sweater front

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	B	B	A		R	F	D		Y	A	M	S
T	E	A	M		I	O	U		U	N	I	T
V	E	N	I		P	R	O	M	P	T	L	Y
	F	E	A	R	E	D		A	P	E	D	
			B	U	N		T	R	I			
A	G	I	L	E		L	E	V	E	E	S	
W	I	F	E		G	O	R	Y		T	U	G
E	L	F		A	R	I	A		F	O	R	E
	L	Y	N	X	E	S		L	I	N	E	N
		Y	E	W		N	E	E				
	M	A	L	L		B	U	I	L	D	S	
A	C	C	O	S	T	E	D		D	U	N	E
I	V	A	N		A	L	E		E	D	A	M
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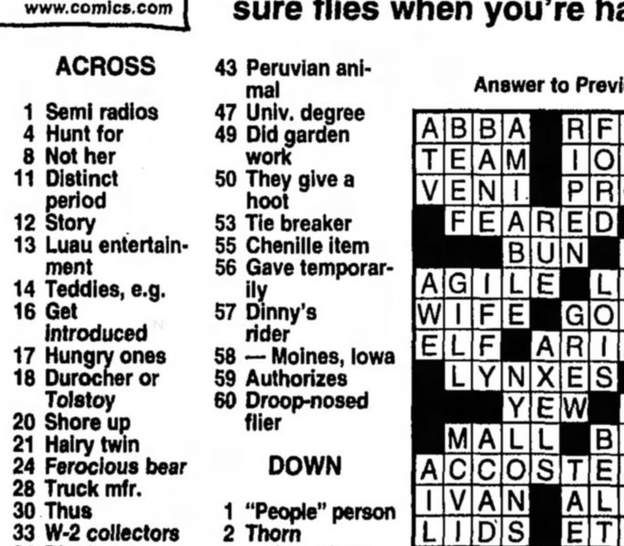

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TV LISTINGS

Weighty issue is at root of couple's unhappiness

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: "Ingmar" and I have been married — on and off— for 12 years. We have married each other twice. Ingmar loves "big" women.

The last time we separated was three years ago, after I lost 105 pounds. I lost the weight because my doctor said I had to for health reasons. When I first met Ingmar, I let him know my large size was not normal for me and was a result of some medications I was on.

After my weight started dropping, Ingmar told me I "grossed him out" and I was starting to resemble a "little girl." We have had no physical contact in four years, and we sleep in separate rooms. He often goes off by himself for two or three days at a time. I know he isn't involved with another woman because he can't do anything anymore and he's not willing to fix it.

I feel like a roommate instead of a wife. We don't eat together, watch TV together or kiss anymore. Although I care for my husband, I'm not in love with him anymore.

But I'm scared of going out in the "dating world" again. I'm 46 and no longer a "spring chicken," but I crave affection. What do I do? — **AT A CROSSROADS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR AT A CROSSROADS: The dating world is no lonelier than the one you're living in now – but at least in the dating world there is hope that you'll connect with someone.

Your husband is punishing you for something that isn't your fault. The fact that he "can't do anything anymore" with you doesn't guarantee that he can't do something with someone else. Offer Ingmar the option of marriage counseling to see if he's capable of an attitude adjustment. But if he's not, recognize that even though you may no longer be a pullet, your best chance at happiness might be to fly the coop.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter, "Daisy," had some really bad relationships in the past and held on to them far too long. At 33, she finally met a man, "Melvin," who was good to her and fun to be with. We were relieved that she had finally made a right choice.

Melvin was divorced with a son. He told Daisy he was a police officer who retired early because of the stress, and regaled her with stories about the many outrageous incidents he's been involved in. They married and now have a new baby. Daisy is happy, loves being a wife and mother, and we were pleased that she has what she always wanted.

My husband and I became suspicious about some of Melvin's stories about the wild and crazy situations that had happened to him on a daily basis. In them, he was always defending helpless people against brutal attackers, saving people in imminent danger and he was always the hero. My husband decided to check out Melvin's claim of having been a cop. We were shocked and sickened to learn that he never was. All of his stories are lies.

I want to tell Daisy, but I'm not sure how or when. They live in another state, far from us. I don't want to expose him while she is not near us. It will crush her. But our daughter is married to a stranger!

Everything Melvin told her about himself is a lie. How should we handle this? — **HEARTBROKEN MOM**

DEAR MOM: First of all, your husband should finish what he started. If Melvin wasn't a police officer, what was he? Is he really divorced? How many times? Is his name really Melvin? Has he done time?

Once you have accurate information, you and your husband should pay your daughter a visit — proof in hand.

How she chooses to handle things from then on will be her decision.

But from where I sit, she could qualify for an annulment because whoever her husband is, he married her under false pretenses.

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

TUESDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS 2 KDKA 7 WTRF 10 WTAJ	2 KDKA-TV News at Six 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 6	7 10 CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	2 CBS Evening News-Couric 7 Entertainment 10 Inside	2 The Insider (N) 7 Inside Edition (N) 10 Two and a Half Men	NCIS "Truth or Consequences" (Season Premiere) With the weight of the past on their minds, Gibbs and the team go back to work. (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Identity" (Series Premiere) Agent Callen joins the Los Angeles team on a kidnapping case. (N)		The Good Wife "Pilot" (Series Premiere) Alicia Florrick returns to work as a defense attorney. (N)		2 KDKA-TV News at 11 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Bill Clinton; LeBron James. (N)		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Reba McEntire; Dave Annable. (N)		2 (:37) Extra 7 (:37) The Dr. Oz Show 10 (:37) Paid Programming	2 10 (:07) Paid Programming	2 Bringing Wall Street to Main Street 7 10 Up to the Minute
ABC 4 WTAE 23 WATM	4 Action News at 6 23 Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	4 Inside Edition (N) 23 Jeopardy! (N)	4 Entertainment Tonight 23 Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars (Live)				the forgotten "Pilot" (Series Premiere) A young woman's corpse is left in a woods. (N)		4 Ch. 4 Action News at 11 23 News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live David Duchovny; Carmelo Anthony. (N)		4 Oprah Winfrey 23 Relieve Back Pain	23 (:36) RENO 911! "Dangle's Promotion"	(:06) Paid Programming	4 Action News at 11 23 Paid Prog
NBC 6 WJAC 9 WTOV 11 WPXI	6 WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) 9 News (N) 11 Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	6 Entertainment Tonight (N) 9 11 Jeopardy! (N)	6 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire 9 11 Wheel of Fortune	The Biggest Loser The contestants learn they can stay at the ranch for another week. (N)				The Jay Leno Show Paul Reubens; Amy Poehler. (N)		6 WJAC-TV News 9 News 11 Ch. 11 News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Rebecca Romijn; Lisa Lampanelli; Monsters of Folk. (N)		(:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Seth Meyers; Chris Paul. (N)		(:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Stan Lee; Mat Kearney. (N)	(:05) Poker After Dark Phil Hellmuth; Chris Ferguson; Howard Lederer; Phil Ivey; Doyle Brunson; Daniel Negreanu. (N)	
FOX 8 WWCP 53 WPGH	8 Seinfeld 53 Two and a Half Men	8 The Simpsons 53 My Name Is Earl	8 That '70s Show 53 Two and a Half Men	8 My Name Is Earl 53 Seinfeld	Hell's Kitchen The chefs create three unique dishes using 15 ingredients. (N) (PA)				8 News 53 Channel 11 News	8 (:35) My Name Is Earl (Part 2 of 2)	8 (:05) Everybody Loves Raymond 53 Seinfeld	8 (:35) Seinfeld 53 My Name Is Earl	8 Star Trek: The Next Generation 53 Frasier	53 Bringing Wall Street to Main Street	8 (:05) Paid Programming 53 Paid Programming	8 Paid Prog 53 A Must See	8 (:05) Paid Programming 53 George Lopez	8 Paid Program 53 House of Payne
13 WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ	Nova "The Ghost in Your Genes" (DVS)		Killer Stress: A National Geographic Special		P.O.V. "Bronx Princess" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)			OnQ	Smart Travels	Killer Stress: A National Geographic Special		Nova "The Ghost in Your Genes" (DVS)
19 WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office	The Office	90210 Harry shares his family problems with Kelly.		Melrose Place "Grand" (N)		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming
22 WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	Street Patrol	Street Patrol	Street Patrol	Street Patrol	Law & Order: SVU		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Foreclosure	Debt Cures	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
40 WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4 "Answers"		Travel Road	Master	Joel Osteen	Joni, Frnds	Discovery	Quick Study	Nwswtch	The Place for Miracles		Master	Focus 4		Gaither Homecoming Hour	
59 WBGN	Punk'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		Eye Eye	RENO 911!	Laguna	RENO 911!	Movie				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds		The First 48 Cabdriver.		Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	The First 48 Cabdriver.		Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	'70s Show	Ruby	Ruby	★★ "Ella Enchanted" (2004) Anne Hathaway.				The 700 Club		Greek "High and Dry"		Paid Prog	Thinner	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
AMC	(5:30) ★★★ "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989) Mel Gibson.				★★★ "Lethal Weapon 3" (1992) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover.					★★ "Starsky & Hutch" (2004) Ben Stiller.				Mad Men		(:32) ★★★ "In the Line of Fire" (1993)		
ANPL	Weird, True & Freaky		Dogs 101		Killing for a Living		A Lion Called Christian		Headline Attacks		Killing for a Living		A Lion Called Christian		Headline Attacks		Dogs 101	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		You Are What You Eat		Dragon's Den (N)		BBC World News America		You Are What You Eat		Dragon's Den		You Are What You Eat		Dragon's Den	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live				★★ "Honey" (2003) Jessica Alba, Mekhi Phifer.				Frankie	Frankie	The Wendy Williams Show		★★ "Honey" (2003) Jessica Alba, Mekhi Phifer.				The Wendy Williams Show	
BRAVO	Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Flipping Out "Bad Mojo"		Flipping Out "Jenni 911"		Flipping Out (N)		Flipping Out		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Flipping Out		The Rachel Zoe Project	
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Martinez Family"				Smarter	Smarter	Just for Laughs-Workin'		★ "Beer for My Horses" (2008, Action) Toby Keith.				Smarter	Smarter	"Beer for My Horses" (2008, Action) Toby Keith.			
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Big Mac: Inside		Inside Track: NASCAR		Porn: Business of Pleasure		Mad Money		Fast Money		Porn: Business of Pleasure		Paid Prog	Net Millions
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	RENO 911!	Presents	Daily Show	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily Show	Colbert	South Park	South Park	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Morgan
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	The Colony		The Colony		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		The Colony "Exodus" (N)		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		The Colony "Exodus"		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Zack & Cody	Wizards	Montana	★★ "Tinker Bell" (2008) Mae Whitman.			Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Montana	Wizards	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	Fashion Police: Emmy		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	"Bring It On: All or Nothing" (2006) Hayden Panettiere.				Kourtney	Take Miami	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Kourtney	Take Miami	Reality Hell	Girls	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)			NFL Live	2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	NFL Live (N)	SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	College Football: 2000 Miss. St. at LSU			Bid Wars	Boxing		MLB Baseball: 1975 World Series -- Reds at Red Sox				PBA Bowling		American Gladiators		MLB Baseball: 1975 World Series -- Reds at Red Sox			
ESPN2	Horn	Interruption	Minor League Baseball Bricktown Showdown -- Teams TBA. From Oklahoma City.						NFL's Greatest Game (N)			Super Bowl	SportsNation (Live)		2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker	
EWTN	Choices	Padre Pio	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Religious	Holy Rosary	Threshold of Hope		Christ in City	Priesthood	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Threshold of Hope	
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge		Cakes	Cakes	Unwrapped	Best Thing	Chopped (N)		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Best Thing	Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Mike Tomlin	Pregame	MLB Baseball Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh Pirates. From PNC Park in Pittsburgh.						Pirates Post.	Final Score	MLB Baseball Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh Pirates.				Final Score	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special	
FX	(5:00) ★★ "Click" (2006, Comedy) Adam Sandler.				★★ "Next" (2007) Nicolas Cage, Jessica Biel. Premiere.				Sons of Anarchy "Fix" (N)		(:02) Sons of Anarchy "Fix"		'70s Show	'70s Show	Sons of Anarchy "Fix"		Paid Prog	Hair Club
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Lessons	Inside PGA	Approach	Top 10	Top 10 (N)	Top 10	Top 10	Golf	Approach	Golf Central	Top 10	Top 10	Top 10	Golf	Approach	Inside PGA
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	To Sell	Ext Living	House	House	First Place	First Place	House	Bang, Buck	House	Property	Intervention	First Place	First Place	First Place	House	Bang, Buck	House	Property
HIST	The Universe		Modern Marvels		The Universe		The Universe (N)		How the Earth Was Made		Mega Disasters		The Universe		The Universe		How the Earth Was Made	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Medium "Knowing Her"		Medium		"Georgia O'Keeffe" (2009, Docudrama) Joan Allen.				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Grey's Anatomy		Paid Prog
MSNBC	The Ed Show (N)		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Parental	Parental	Tribute	2009 MTV Video Music Awards In New York City.					Daddy	The Hills	True Life		True Life		Best Dance Crew		The Hills	Daddy
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Glenn Martin	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	Kathy Griffin: D-List		Kathy Griffin: D-List		Kathy Griffin: D-List		Kathy Griffin: D-List		Naughty Kitchen		Naughty Kitchen		The Tyra Banks Show		The Tyra Banks Show		Naughty Kitchen	
PCN	PCN Tours		PCN Call-In		PCN Primetime - pcntv.com				PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Late Night - pcntv.com				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Healthcare	NightTalk		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog	NightTalk	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		DEA		DEA "Deadly Chase"		Surviving Disaster (N)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Most Amazing Videos		Disorderly Conduct: Video	
SYFY	Warehouse 13 "Regrets"		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		ECW Hell in a Cell preview.		Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13 "Claudia"		The Lost Room (Part 2 of 3)			
TBS	Seinfeld	The Office	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex and-City	★★ "The Fighting Temptations" (2003) Cuba Gooding Jr.				
TCM	(5:15) ★★★★ "The Life of Emile Zola"		MGM Parade		★★★★ "North by Northwest" (1959) Cary Grant. (DVS)					★★★★ "Psycho" (1960, Horror) Anthony Perkins.				★★★ "Marnie" (1964, Suspense) Tippi Hedren.				Joy-Morn.
TLC	What Not to Wear		Toddlers & Tiaras		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	18 Kids	18 Kids	Table for 12	Table for 12	18 Kids	18 Kids	Table for 12	Table for 12	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Toddlers & Tiaras	
TNT	Bones "Yanks in the U.K."		Bones "Yanks in the U.K."		Bones		Bones		HawthoRNe		Saving Grace		HawthoRNe		Saving Grace		Cold Case "Revenge"	
TOON	Scooby Doo	Johnny Test	Johnny Test	Johnny Test	Total Drama	Total Drama	Stoked	6TEEN	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	The Oblongs	Home	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Zimmern's Bizarre World		Anthony Bourdain		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Zimmern's Bizarre World		Zimmern's Bizarre World		Anthony Bourdain		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Zimmern's Bizarre World	
TRUTV	Cops	Cops	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Rehab: Party at Hard Rock		Rehab: Party at Hard Rock		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	The Investigators		Rehab: Party at Hard Rock	
TVLAND	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Roseanne "D-I-V-O-R-C-E"		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Psych		★★ "Formula 51" (2001)	
VH1	My Antonio	The T.O. Show		Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	Tool Academy		Tool Academy		My Antonio		Real Chance of Love		Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	NWA: Group
VS.	Sports	Sports Take	Sports	Sports	★ "Bloodsport" (1988) Jean-Claude Van Damme.				Sports Soup	Sports	Quest	Sports	★ "Bloodsport" (1988) Jean-Claude Van Damme.				Sports Soup	Sports
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women	
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001) Reese Witherspoon.				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	Wildcats	(:20) ★★ "Tremors" (1990) Kevin Bacon.			★ "Children of the Corn" (1984)			(:35) ★★ "Resident Evil: Extinction"			(:10) ★★ "From Dusk Till Dawn" (1996) Harvey Keitel.				★★★ "Swingers" (1996) Jon Favreau.			Smart Peo
HBO	(5:45) ★★ "P.S. I Love You" (2007) Hilary Swank.				Curb	★★★ "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa"			Joe Buck Live (Live)		Entourage	Curb-Enthsm	Mayweather	★★ "Semi-Pro" (2008) Will Ferrell.			(:05) Joe Buck Live	
MAX	(5:30) ★★★ "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007)		★★★ "Changeling" (2008) Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich.						★★ "Get Smart" (2008, Comedy) Steve Carell.				Lingerie	Sex Games	(12:50) ★★★ "Joy Ride" (2001)			Resurrection
SHOW	(:15) "Gospel Hill" (2008, Drama) Chloe Bailey. iTV.				★★ "The Mist" (2007, Horror) Thomas Jane. iTV.				(:05) ★★ "Lions for Lambs" (2007) iTV.		(:45) ★★★ "The Bank Job" (2008) Jason Statham. iTV.				(:45) ★ "Captivity" (2007, Suspense) iTV.			
STARZ	(5:20) ★ "88 Minutes"		(:15) ★★ "Bring It On" (2000) Kirsten Dunst.				★★ "Bedtime Stories" (2008)			(:45) ★★ "Untraceable" (2008) Diane Lane.			★ "Kickin' It Old Skool" (2007) Jamie Kennedy.				(:20) Traitor	
TMC	★★ "Why Did I Get Married?" (2007) Tyler Perry.				★★★ "Rescue Dawn" (2006, War) Christian Bale.				(:15) ★★★ "3:10 to Yuma" (2007) Russell Crowe, Christian Bale.				"The Go-Getter" (2007) Lou Taylor Pucci.				(:05) ★★ "Clean, Shaven"	

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FEATURES

CALENDAR WATCH

Wednesday

■ Innovations in Chronic Kidney Disease, Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township, 1 p.m.

■ Donora Smog Committee meeting, Donora Smog Central, 6 p.m.

■ Prostate Cancer Screening and Education Program, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 5:30 p.m.

■ Understanding your Blood Sugar Readings, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ Angel Food Ministry signups, First Presbyterian Church, 609 Chess St., Monongahela, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Rachel's Challenge, Charleroi Area High School auditorium, 6:20 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

K of C to meet in Charleroi

Bishop Phelan Assembly 911 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of the Mon Valley will conduct its monthly meeting Thursday at the Charleroi Knights of Columbus home, 702 Fallowfield Ave. Rosary will be recited at 7:15 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Members are reminded that dinner reservations and program book ads for the 100th anniversary banquet in November will be accepted at the meeting.

Story time set in California

The California Area Public Library fall story time begins 6 p.m. Thursday for ages 2-5 and will run for eight weeks. For information, call the library at (724) 938-2907.

Alzheimer's walk set at Peterswood

The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk 2009, the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research, will be held Saturday. In Washington County, the walk will be held at Peterswood Park in Venetia. Registration is at 8 a.m.; the walk gets under way at 9 a.m. This year's walk is a collaborative effort of many groups/organizations in the community. Honorary chairman is Commissioner Bracken Burns. For information, log on to http://www.kintera.org/FAF/home/default.asp?ievent=300439.

Salad bar, soup luncheon planned

The Christian Mothers of Seven Dolors Church, Yukon, will have an all-you-can-eat salad bar and soup luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at Rogers Hall. A large variety of soups will be available, along with countless salads. A Chinese auction will also be held. For tickets, call (724) 722-3141 or stop at the parish office at 102 Center St., Yukon.

Annual service set at Hoffman Church

The annual service at Hoffman "old brick" Church, South Huntington Township, will be held 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Guest speaker for the interdenominational service will be the Rev. James Martin. Special music will also be provided. Long considered an historic site, the rustic old church is located 2 1/2 miles east of Smithton, off Route 981 in the Barren Run area of the township. The service is held in memory of the church founders.

Seats available for casino trip

The Fayette City Goldenagers is sponsoring a trip to the River Casino Oct. 13. For information, call Stella Kroskie at (724) 929-3059.

Charleroi Area High School Senior Bible Club members Tori Moody and Lanie Jacobs are holding a t-shirt promoting the "See You At the Pole" prayer event that they are helping to plan for the school. Millions of students in all 50 states and 20 countries will gather on Wednesday to pray for other students, their schools and the community. This year's event will take place from 7:10 to 7:25 a.m. at the flagpole in front of the high school. The event is student led and initiated.

ENGAGEMENTS

Johnson-Sirianni

Justin Sirianni & Stephanie Johnson

Stephanie Johnson and Justin Sirianni were engaged Sept. 6 at Round Hill Park in Elizabeth Township. Johnson is the daughter of Lynne Johnson-Christy and the late Dean Johnson, and stepdaughter of Robert Christy. Her fiance is the son of Mary Lou and John Sirianni.

Johnson is a graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School and graduated magna cum laude from Temple University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

Sirianni is a graduate of Franklin Regional High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in Italian from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as well as a master's degree in biology from Chatham University.

The couple are currently M.D. candidates at Drexel University College of Medicine in the Class of 2012.

A December 2010 wedding is being planned in Florida.

NAACP accepting awards nominations

The Mon Valley NAACP is accepting nominations for three recognition awards to be presented at its 49th annual Human Rights Banquet, to be held 2 p.m. Oct. 24 at California University's Natali Student Center. One award will be presented in each of the following categories: Humanitarian Service, Community Service and NAACP Branch Appreciation. An individual or organization must meet the criteria explained in detail under each category on the nomination form. Nomination forms can be requested from the office, NAACP members, local churches, area libraries, or by calling the NAACP office at (724) 684-8545. The deadline to submit nominations has been extended to Sept. 28. For more details or any specific questions, call the office.

Award winners will be notified prior to the banquet in order to attend and be honored. Theme of this year's event is "Celebrating a Century".

Tickets are available now for purchase and will not be sold at the door the day of the event. Contact the NAACP office.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Athene Club

The Athene Club met Sept. 11 at the Charleroi Elks Club following a summer recess.

President Joan McCloskey opened the meeting and welcomed back the members. She thanked everyone who assisted in the planning of the forthcoming year and commended them for their service and dedication. LaVerne Williams led the flag salute followed by the club collect.

Secretary Gerry Byron read the minutes and Treasurer Sally Santini gave her report. Correspondence was shared by Chairwoman Ruth Karlowsky.

Elected officers and chairwomen conducted the business meeting. Committee reports for fine arts, social program, and publicity were respectively given by Carol Nelan, Elizabeth Davies and Bonnie Daylong.

Mary Lou Mudrick, program co-chairwoman, introduced Gabriel Kohr. Kohr is an eighth grade student at Bellmar Middle School and is a member of the chorus, Bellmar jazz band and student council, while maintaining a status of highest honor student. She entertained the members with various vocal selections of the past and present.

The hostesses for the afternoon were Chairwoman Judy Rager assisted by Mudrick, Davies and Margurite Marshall. Fresh autumn flowers and fall favors adorned the tables.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held in October.

Monongahela Mother's Club

The Sept. 10 Monongahela Mother's Club meeting held at the Church of the Nazarene was opened at 1 p.m. by President Anna Mary Frye. The club collect was given by Margaret Wise, and Marie Marraccini led the flag pledge. Roll call was taken by Ramah Delso. Recording Secretary Marion Matthews and Treasurer Anna Hojo gave reports.

Those having birthdays during the club's summer recess were: Anne Frederick, Norma Simmen, Margaret Wise, and Marraccini. The group sang "Happy Birthday" to Zara Pesognelli, whose birthday is this month.

Cards were signed for Frederick, Helen Meighen and Dolores Stoner. Simmen agreed to become the current card chairman. Plans were made for the Oct. 8 107th year celebration of the club. Wise and Joan Chambers will be co-chairmen for the event to be held 1 p.m. in the church.

Following the business meeting, Frye and Pesognelli served refreshments, assisted by Delso and Chambers.

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Belle Vernon, NBV High School

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: L equals Y

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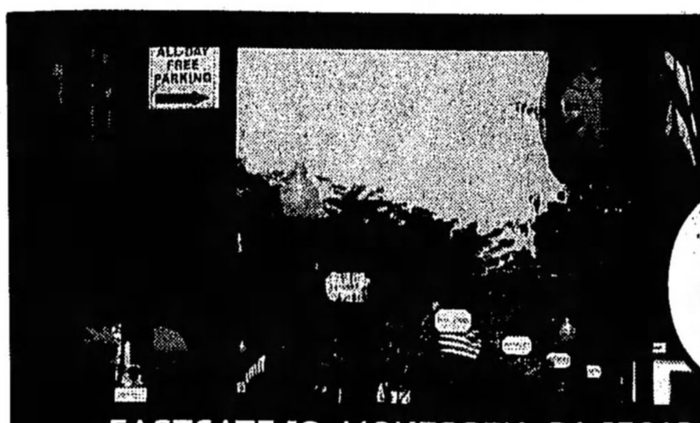

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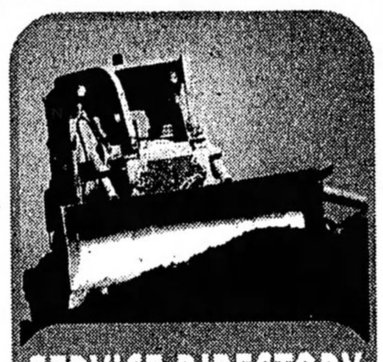

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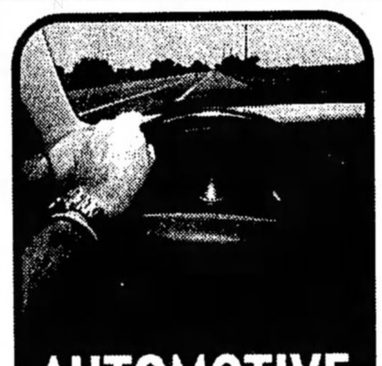

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All bids must be submitted as 1 original + 2 copies according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web site at www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

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BID: Cartridges
Contract #093009-1RCT

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N.CHARLEROI 615 Conrad Ave. 2 bedrooms, updated, yard. $515+ utilities. 724-880-6595.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23, 2009

LIBRA

September 23 through October 23

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LIBRA (**Sept. 23-Oct. 23**) -- Be careful about attempting to push your desires onto a peer group when meeting with fierce resistance. Drop it and let the majority rule, or you'll end up being a lonely orator.

SCORPIO (**Oct. 24-Nov. 22**) -- A skillful liar may try to use you as a scapegoat, crediting you with incoherent phrases and incriminating comments actually said by this person. Be prepared to defend yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (**Nov. 23-Dec. 21**) -- Usually your ideas are good, but you may want to think twice about going into an untested area. You could end up in a quagmire difficult to escape.

CAPRICORN (**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**) -- It's good to try to be the best you can be at all times, but when it comes to fun activities, don't make winning or losing a matter of life or death. You will ruin the event for everyone.

AQUARIUS (**Jan. 20-Feb. 19**) -- Don't discuss budget or money matters with family members at this time, especially if you hold different ideas. Tempers are short, and you could create unnecessary problems.

PISCES (**Feb. 20-March 20**) -- Your fellow workers might be difficult to get along with, so don't attempt to tell them what to do or how to do it, even if you're merely trying to help. They'll see it as interference.

ARIES (**March 21-April 19**) -- Don't think twice but multiple times about funding a personal endeavor that isn't paying off. It may be cheaper to write it off once and for all.

TAURUS (**April 20-May 20**) -- Be extremely careful about whom you bring home, especially if that individual is resented by another family member. You could start a brouhaha that will explode in your face.

GEMINI (**May 21-June 20**) -- Your image might not be enjoying much popularity with certain people you have to deal with all the time. Don't do anything out of spite that could make you look like a troublemaker.

CANCER (**June 21-July 22**) -- Usually you're realistic about things and use good, practical judgment. If you let emotions get in the way, however, it could take you down a road that immobilizes you.

LEO (**July 23-Aug. 22**) -- You must be exceptionally careful with regard to financial and business matters. Be particularly careful about getting into something that could become costly or difficult to exit.

VIRGO (**Aug. 23-Sept. 22**) -- Be extremely careful when dealing with people who disagree with your thinking -- do not attempt to force your ideas on them. You'll merely awaken greater opposition.